

Forestville Historical Society

Minutes for Nov. 3, 2002

The meeting was opened at 3:10 p.m. by president Penny Hutten.

Present were Ron Davis, Dave Henry, Penny Hutten, Virginia Hughes, Amie Hill (our speaker for the day) and me, Verna Blanc.

The secretary's report was approved as read.

The treasurer's report showed \$2,208.24 in the treasury. Virginia had the money from calendar sales. Only about 10 calendars are left. \$75.00 has already been given to Treasurer Lavon Covington for past sales of calendars.

It was decided that our Society would give \$50.00 to Food For Thought for the use of their meeting room.

We received an eMail from The Tin Pony restaurant in Forestville suggesting we have a Christmas Party there. After discussion, we decided we would rather have a summer party there when the weather would be nicer.

The meeting was turned over to Amie Hill at this time. Amie is the author of *A Walking Tour of Occidental*. She discussed the process of writing the book. She also gave us some good tips on writing our book. We plan a history of Forestville, so these tips will come in handy as we continue with this endeavor.

Twelve tips were described for us to follow. Discussion of each of these tips was very helpful. Most of us are unpublished - we can use all the help we can get !

1. Identify the scope of the book
2. Identify sources
3. Include a disclaimer
4. Dig into people's memories - find the historians !
5. Search old newspapers and the ads. Read journals and diaries.
6. Decide on financing; sell ads using personal / business cards, etc.
7. Have someone who will collect material, organize it and fit in pictures.
8. If more than one version of a story exists, use both/all if proof isn't clear.
9. Ask people for information. Maybe give a free book for most new info.
10. Use survey and insurance maps for information.
11. Record stories you hear.
12. Get written releases for stories, information and pictures.

Also discussed were subjects and titles for booklets we might be interested in publishing in the future. If anyone has stories, anecdotes, memories or photographs they would like to share and possibly have included in a book of Forestville History, please contact President Penny Hutten and tell her about them. All will be considered, especially tales of Old Forestville about events, people, scandals, notable accomplishments, progress, the growth of the town, clubs, churches, the railroads, hiway or whatever you know about Forestville and/or its citizens.

Other books by Amie Hill are:

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Experiential Education

Meditation for Absolute Beginners.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be December 1, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

Verna Blanc, Secretary