

**ACWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING, JULY 14, 2025**  
**4:30 PM, TOWN HALL**

Attending: Liz Bascom, Kathi Bradt, Alison Ferrell, Marianne Nevelson, Loretta Masure, Mark Mulhern, Helen Frink, Cathy Bloxsom, Jim Neidert, Alva Grant, Lorrie Ingoldsy, Rick Koester, Lillie LeBlanc, Claudia Istel, Ann Kosa

Minutes of June 9, 2025 accepted

**Treasurer's Report**

June Starting Balance of \$46,874.66.

Rent deposits and interest - \$1,301.13

Expenses - \$305.00

Ending Balance - \$47,870.79

Of that total - \$11K is grant money earmarked for store roof and \$5K has been earmarked for store generator

Officers Sign Conflict of Interest Policy: we need something in place for applying for grants. Officers signed appropriate documentation.

**Village Store:**

Generator – There is a deposit, the generator will be installed July 21st.

Mike Aron will be meeting with Irving, who will provide two propane tanks. The electrical panel will be given a small upgrade at that time in the cellar. Rick mentioned he can get a substantial fuel discount, so Ann suggested Rick talk with Mike Aron. Rick said three or four tanks will be needed if we install propane heat to replace the present oil burner that is in the cellar. Inspections would be free. Ann said the present propane tank has passed inspection.

The Store received a grant from the ACCT for a pizza oven, which Skeet Pelletier is working on.

OSHA was called because the store was apparently too hot. Ann ordered industrial fans and an air conditioner to remedy the situation. She called OSHA to work through the problem.

She contacted a person to fix the screened door at the front of the store entrance. She would like to upgrade the floor in the kitchen, and will investigate. Due to a staffing issue, the store will be closing at 3 PM weekdays.

Lorrie asked if the horseshoe pit could be mentioned on the Store and AHS FaceBook posts? Yes.

Do we want solar power? Helen is restarting the process of applying for the federal grant and needs to know. Ann says yes, if it will help with bills. Lindley has information for a company who supplies this. Ann asks do we need an array in the field, or is the roof sufficient? Information gathering to follow.

Roof: Helen talked with Mary Lord on Saturday. Will the roof be done this year? Bret has other obligations. Marianne: Is it historical to place a metal roof on the store? Helen said it wouldn't matter. Jim brought up fire extinguishers. Ann stated they have passed inspections. Helen has quotes for a sprinkler system.. It would need an additional tank for this. Do we need another pump? Water is another issue for the store, because the well is located under the store driveway.

Portapotty: the store doesn't have plans for many events this summer, should we keep it? Alison will call to have it picked up.

Turnaround Barn rental- Ann: Eric Wilke rented the barn, and said there should be more events. Alison will put publicity out on our website.

### Events

July 18 church supper: Claudia handled publicity. She has a list of chores for the crew. Many people have volunteered to help, please arrive by 5-5:30

Alva: Flower centerpieces

Copies of These Acworth Hills will be available, as well as Village Store T Shirts, maps, etc.

Helen will give a ten minute talk and explain the purpose of the Historical Society. She will also provide resources to Finding your way into Acworth History.

August 17th Event: Geologist Lindley Hanson: Ancient Volcanoes, Deep Sea Sediment, and Exotic Terrains; The Geology of South Acworth. at the Town Hall, 4 PM

Helen mentioned Katy Haas would be interested in showing her award-winning film about the Canadian Border with Maine. We need to plan a date.

Alison mentioned a member is interested in starting a blog on the website. She said it's like a newsletter, or you can focus on one topic. Helen thought the Bee Hives would be a good topic. Claudia mentioned the history of the Church Suppers. Alison will take her info and pass it on.

Valley Church and Community Aid Building- survey? Public meeting? Alva is waiting for the other church members for a meeting date.

Tickler List: Katie Haas movie; Strategic Plan

Next meeting: August 11, 2025

Meeting adjourned: 5:32 PM