

## Washington County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

9/19/20

The Wash. County OGS met today at the Norwood United Methodist Church.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Reed with 5 members.

### Old Business & Sharing

Jim Reed showed a picture related to a story he shared at the June meeting of a lost sister. The picture showed the meeting between the two who had not known each other for 67 years.

The annual picnic was held at the Kiwanis shelter in August with 8 in attendance.

### New Business & Sharing

Barb Handshumacher announced that the church has given permission to hold the meeting here as long as needed. Jayne Stehle checked the availability of Wi-Fi and found it suitable for presentation using the Internet. A screen is also available for use in the larger meeting room and there is plenty of space for social distancing.

There was a brief discussion of the lack of a functioning corresponding secretary. A letter with an undecipherable request has arrived. Barb H. volunteered to answer the sender.

Jayne suggested that we donate to a worthy cause as we have a substantial amount in our treasury. She stated that the Washington County Historical Society is undertaking the task of replacing damaged markers in the Mound Cemetery. Barb suggested that we wait until more information is available on the project before we make a decision.

Jim Reed brought an unusual item for the members to guess as to its use. It resembled a pencil sharpener, the type which hung on a wall. The item was a double-edged razor blade sharpener that his grandfather had used. He fondly remembered seeing it at his grandfather's house in the 1950's.

Ernie Thode shared a story that he had received an email from a cousin in Germany that he had last seen as a 4-year-old child in Germany. Ernie had sent a request to the museum asking for a picture of the farm that his father had lived/worked on in that area. The cousin's wife worked in the museum and heard

of the request with the family name. The farm is currently a huge hog operation and the cousin works there also.

There being no further business, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Barb Handschumacher, Secretary