

Minutes of the Athenaeum Society

—May 2, 2002—

The annual open meeting of the Athenaeum Society and guests convened May 2, 2002, at 6:30 PM at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by J. Brooks Major. The meeting marked observance of Athenaeum's 100th year since the founding on April 18, 1902.

Following dinner, President David Riley, called the meeting to order at 7:30.

The secretary called the roll which indicated that 30 of 40 members were present plus 47 guests.

There was a special backdrop to observe the 100th anniversary and special table decorations.

Papers were presented by Robert Harper and Robert Ison.

Mr. Harper's paper was titled "100 Years of the Athenaeum Society of Hopkinsville As Seen Through It's Minutes". The title pretty much describes the subject and content. It was very interesting, informative and well received by the members.

Mr. Ison's paper was titled "Not Just Blowing Smoke." The paper concerned a history of cigars, and some anecdotes about some famous cigar smokers. The paper was well received and elicited several comments from members.

It is accurate to say that this was an exceptionally good night for Athenaeum. The comment session began at 9:00, the rebuttal session began at 9:20 and the meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hal King,
Secretary-Treasurer

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—September 5, 2002—

The September 5, 2002 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:30 PM at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by J. Brooks Major.

Following dinner, President Hal King called the meeting to order at 7:30.

The secretary called the roll which indicated that 29 of 39 members were present. Minutes of the May meeting were approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and forgiven, if not approved.

The President announced the need for members to consider an increase in the annual dues beginning next year, citing increased cost of meals, supplies, postage, etc.

It was noted that Lewis Spencer had resigned due to health reasons. The membership voted to make him an honorary member.

It was also noted that longtime member (1958-2) George Boone had been seriously injured in an auto accident near Glasgow.

Papers were presented by William Cramer and Wendell Lynch.

Mr. Cramer's paper was titled "The Orient Express". It was ^achapter from his new book which will soon be published. The CIA-Cloak & Dagger flavor sparked interest in some members who look forward to buying the book.

Mr. Lynch's paper was titled "The Seeds of Change." The paper concerned a first hand view of the of the 1968-69 Hopkinsville High basketball team which won the Region championship; and the events that led to the team being formed through integration, a new coaching staff and a new gymnasium.

It is accurate to say that this was an exceptionally good night for Athenaeum with two outstanding papers.

The comment session began at 8:35 and the meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hal King,
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes of the Athenaeum Society —October 3, 2002—

The October 3, 2002 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 PM at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Tom Westerfield.

Following dinner, President Hal King called the meeting to order at 7:05.

The secretary called the roll which indicated that 24 of 39 members were present. Minutes of the September meeting were approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The Membership Committee asked that members present names to the Committee to be considered to fill the one availability for membership. That Committee is composed of Bob Cope, Robert Ison and Charles Tilley.

It was noted that the wife of longtime member (1958-2) George Boone had died and the Secretary was asked to send a card of sympathy.

It was noted that former member Dudley Galloway had died and the Secretary was asked to send a letter/card of sympathy to his widow.

Both requests have been fulfilled.

Member Robert Sivley inquired as to the absence of the 2nd annual Perfect Attendance Awards. The President said the Secretary was responsible for the awards and would look into the matter.

Papers were presented by Jim Love and Hollis White.

Mr. Love's paper was titled "50 Years a Cub Fan: or, Sand Down a Rathole". It was a view of the past and present losing dilemma of the Chicago Cubs baseball team, its players, its highlights and lowlights over the years. Mr. Love departed from his prepared script on several occasions but the ~~the~~ theme remained true to his love for the game of baseball.

Mr. White's paper was titled "The Lethal Gift of Livestock." The paper concerned the manner in which germs are spread. The major mode of transmission seemed to be thru animal origin. Mr. White described how disease had decimated early populations of the North American continent. A process that involved transmission of disease from food animals to humans and on down the chain of human and animal contact.

The comment session began at 8:20, the rebuttal session at 8:36 and the meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hal King,
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—November 7, 2002—

The November 7, 2002 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at 6:35 PM at the Holiday Inn. An opening prayer was given by Frank Nash.

Following dinner, President Hal King called the meeting to order at 7:00.

The secretary called the roll which indicated that 24 of 39 members were present. Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

The chairman of the membership committee Bob Cope, reported that the committee had met and compiled a list of seven names to be proposed for membership. Mr. Cope proposed one name to be voted on at the December meeting. Robert Harper spoke in favor of that person and a vote will be taken at the December meeting

The President presented Golden Twinkie Awards to members who achieved perfect attendance last year. Those members included Robert Sivley, David Cavanah, Robert Cope, Robert Ison, Robert Harper and Hal King. Two members, Edward Higgins and Wynn Radford were absent. There is no record of what happened to their Twinkies.

Papers were presented by D.D. Cayce and John Freer.

Mr. Cayce's paper was titled "This Is My Land, Christian County". The paper concerned geologic formations of Christian County and their geographic locations. This proved to be an interesting journey into the many things that make Christian County a unique and desirable place to live.

Mr. Freer's paper was titled "Roots-Athena and the Athenaeum." The paper concerned the origin of the name Athenaeum from the days of ancient Greece through Europe and into the United States. Mr. Freer suggested two motions to change the wording in the Athenaeum constitution. During the comment session the suggestions were greeted with frigid enthusiasm. Mr. Freer also reported that while the Secretary has the majority of existing Athenaeum papers, a few are on file at the local library. He suggested that all the papers be stored in the same location for their preservation and for the convenience of members who would like to research them.

The comment session began at 8:10, the rebuttal session at 8:23 and the meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hal King,
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes of the Athenaeum Society —December 5, 2002—

The December 5, 2002 meeting of the Athenaeum Society convened at the Holiday Inn with an opening prayer.

Following dinner, President Hal King called the meeting to order at 7:00.

The secretary called the roll which indicated that 24 of 39 members were present. Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Excuses of past absences were presented and accepted.

Members voted in the affirmative on a proposed new member.

Papers were presented by Peter Nicolos and Ken Dougherty.

Mr. Nicolos's paper was titled "The California GoldRush". Mr. Nicolos distributed some very tasty chocolate candies wrapped in gold foil to sweeten the contents of his presentation. He presented a brief history of the times, the people and the natural resources of the gold rush area in California and how it developed into a part of the "Golden State."

Dr. Dougherty's paper was titled "The Phoreskin: Phact/Phallusy." Dr. Dougherty informed and entertained members with a PowerPoint presentation on an important appendage of the male anatomy, the effects of circumcision of that genitalia and other events concerning the rise of interest in such activities. Dr. Dougherty also presented a series of humorous slides to the amusement of members. Oh, to be or not to be.

The comment session began at 8:36, the rebuttal session at 8:47. The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hal King,
Secretary-Treasurer