

The Claiborne Clarion

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The purpose of this newsletter is to acquaint and inform Claiborne residents.

Church Update

Settlement on the purchase of the United Methodist Church property is scheduled for October 4th. We'll hold a celebration the following weekend in conjunction with our annual Yard Sale. Neavitt United Methodist Church Trustees, Reverend Moore and the congregation will be invited to join us.

Glen Albrecht has completed a building inspection and donated his services. Lane Engineering has completed a land survey and examined the site for underground tanks and wells. Eastern Shore Title has done a title search. The Building Inspection has revealed no surprises. Dodson Landscaping will donate the labor for a septic tank if needed. * * *

Claiborne Summer Picnic and Claiborne Association Meeting

Is there anyone that attended the picnic that didn't have a great time? Thanks again to Mary and Pete Gregorio for hosting this wonderful annual event. About fifty people were in attendance and for the most part, the weather cooperated, just one little downpour to set everyone running for the porch. The food was wonderful and a great idea for a fund raiser for the Church project was developed. A cook book featuring the various dishes that are served each year, along with photos, ingredients, directions and the name of the cook could be a great money maker! This was Janet Freidman's idea, so I guess she'll be the one in charge of its development – what do you say Janet?

Our guest of honor, Elva Gerlach, who lived in Claiborne between the ages of three and twelve, 1916 to 1928, had a wonderful time reminiscing and sharing stories with us about Olde Claiborne.

Thanks Mark for bringing your mom to visit with us and contribute to the festivities!

The minutes of the previous meeting on May first were sort of read and accepted. The treasurers report, showing \$1,335.74 in the bank was approved. The fiscal year 2011 budget was passed, showing expected income and expenses of \$73,525. Of this, \$72,350 represents redistricted donations already pledged to be used for the purchase, closing costs, title search, survey, inspection and restoration of the church. The purchase price is set at \$52,000

The following motion was proposed and passed by voice vote: The Board of Directors is authorized to create committees, raise and expend funds, seek donations of goods and services, enter into contracts and agreements that would be required to repair and restore the church property and operate and maintain the property as a community center for the benefit of the Claiborne Community. Jim Richardson will be in charge of heading up this committee.

The Board is further authorized to engage in discussions with the United States Postal Service with the goal of moving the Claiborne Post Office into the community center.

The Board will report its progress to the community on a regular basis by providing progress reports at General Meetings and posting information on the Claiborne Website.

After the meeting was adjourned, annual dues were collected and residents were given a ballot to vote for the Officers and At-Large members of the Board of Directors of the Claiborne Association.

The results of the election are:

President.....Kirke Harper

Vice-President.....Judy Harrald

Treasurer.....Molly Bond

Secretary..... Sarah Sayre

At-Large...Adine Kelly, Jim Richardson and Jeff Desjardins.

In case you missed it, Kirke was the first recipient of the coveted "Claiborne Cup" for his outstanding service to the community. Congratulations Kirke!!!

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Village Website and Master Plan

Pete Gregorio has set up the Claiborne Association website with lots of pictures:

Clairbornemd.org

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September Birthday Greetings

Nancy Higgins and Will Murdock share a common birth date, September 16th!

The 16th seems to have been a very popular date since both Jim and Martha and Barbara Reisert have daughters born on that date too.

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PLEASE NO MORE 90+

DEGREE DAYS!

FALL IS COMING!

Annual Village Yard Sale

The village yard sale will be held on the church grounds in early October. Income will go to support the church project. Linda Harper is in charge.

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From Kirke: The Claiborne Association Board is working on a list of repairs that need to be made before the building can be used and a plan for seeking donations on a continuing basis for improvements and operating expenses.

Libby Moose has arranged for an architect and a landscape architect to advise the Association on improvement ideas. We have received our first two cash donations (beyond the donations for the purchase and closing costs) and several additional pledges of donations have been made as well.

Thanks again to everyone for supporting the church project.

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Grandma and Grandpa Harper

Are thrilled to announce the birth of their grandson, Sam Harper Chen on August 10th.

Sam's parents, Lee and Hugh will be bringing him to Claiborne soon for his first visit.

Grandma Reisert announced the birth of her fifth grandson, Dylan Patrick Shontz on July 22nd. He lives in Southern New Jersey with his mom and dad, Tara and Andy and big brother Ryan who will be two years old on the 22nd of September.

Great-Grandma Nancy Clark tells us about her newest addition: Caden Gibson, born September 3rd in the early morning in Gum Springs, Virginia.

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