

## MINUTES OF THE SVPOA GENERAL MEETING – AUGUST 18, 2022

President Ed Steil called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Opening Comments (Steil)**

President Ed Steil thanked Bruce Gant for providing and setting up the Chapel of Sky Valley for an alternative meeting site due to a scheduling conflict at Sky Valley Country Club.

President Ed Steil welcomed new members, Mark and Sharon Haney, to Sky Valley.

The next POA Pancake Breakfast will be held Labor Day Weekend on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The next POA General Meeting will be on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Treasurer's Report (Smith)**

Tom Smith reported the POA has \$44,866.91. He commented on the successfulness of the Pancake Breakfasts. President Steil reminded everyone that the profits from the pancake breakfasts goes toward POA donations.

### **Presentation**

The meeting presenters were from Foxfire located in Mountain City. Presenting were Todd Faircloth, Executive Director, and Kami Ahrens, Curator and Educational Outreach.

In 1966, a struggling English teacher at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School in Northeast Georgia asked his students what would make school more interesting. They decided to create a magazine, featuring stories gathered from their families and neighbors about the pioneer era of southern Appalachia as well as traditions still thriving in the region. The students called it "Foxfire" after the glow-in-the-dark fungus found in the local hills. This spark of an idea turned into a phenomenon of education and living history, exploring how our past contributes to who we are and what we can become – how the past illuminates our present and inspires imagination.

In 1974, Foxfire used book royalties to purchase land, which eventually became an immersive museum. Today, you can experience Foxfire first-hand by walking through the outdoor museum and encountering buildings and artifacts representative of life in the mountains, from the 1820s to the 1940s. More information about Foxfire can be found at [Foxfire.org](http://Foxfire.org).

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Walton