MRPC Meeting Feb 12, 2017

Present: Edith, Jay, Jenna Polluck, Dan Peterson, Lisa Walsh, Scott Tunicliff, Martin G, Gwenn Prentice? from The Pine Creek Grist Mill and Wild Cat Den State Park, Terry Eagle from the Muscatine River History Museum.

Minutes moved Martin G, Second Scot T approved.

Treasurer's Report: Moved Jay Second Dan, Motion Passed

ICenter - update Gwenn spoke of their Friends Group that maintains and staffs the Mill to be open all weekend and on weekends. Their visitorship is

Terry spoke about Muscatine River Museum, grew up in Muscatine and didn't know the depth and breathe of the story here. Plastics came out after WWII and buried the PB Industry. Came t o work as Maintenance Man. We mined Mother of Pearl when they were mining silver and gold. 600 Tons a year was shipped here annually by rail to be made into buttons. THE lower level of the Museum tells what this area did for Muscatine. Other locations up and down the River had blanking operations. The shells were so heavy to ship so they sent cutters to those towns and they were called button factories and tehn shipped here. One small town we were that had one industry that was huge. Recently submitted to the National Historic Treasurer Foundation to make this history a National Treasurer.

Edith reminded the I-Center attendes to list themselves under an experience not Museum.

Jenna – Motor Mill – interpretive panels for exterior and interior of the Mill. Indoor and Outdoor panels. Had two break ins at the site this winter. 16,000 vehicles this past year. Engineer says there are 4700 vehicles ? going across.

Want to be open every single weekend for the summer.

Next meeting March 20th in Lansing. April 21st

Option 2 for Northey is the Current Cattlemen's Assoc president, Mike Kline. Dr. Phil Rietsma from DeWitt is another very good speaker and newly retired IA Cattlemen's President. How much corn and pigs are produced.

Have Northey

Discussion on speakers for the Natioinal Meeting: Dr. Eugene Watkins on the Forts.

Mark Twain contact in Muscatine will be our greeter at the Lansing opening Dinner.

Iowa Natural Heritage Farm,

Edith said Bill Northey presents at the Iowa Poultry Assoc. the same day as our event. Terri Goodman on B-Project.

Approval of VJ Smith for Wednesday even Sept 20

Moved by Scott to pursue the folks from Sustainable Driftless to present Mysteries of the Driftless and their projects. Up to $750 fee from them allowable. Jay second. Motioin carried.

Dan's idea for Theme: Agritainment Iowa Style