

**MINUTES**  
**Beersheba Springs Historical Society**  
**May 27, 2017**  
**Grace Chapel -- 4:00pm**

- President John Adams opened the meeting with a thank you to Susan Snow, past President, Jean Garrett, past Secretary, and Kelly Baggett, Barn Dance Coordinator, for years of service to the Board.
- Beersheba Museum is open Saturdays this summer from 2-4pm.
- Minutes from Society meetings, and important dates, will be posted to the website in an effort to reduce mailings and keep postage expenses to a minimum.
- **BeershebaSpringsHistoricalSociety.org**
- 2017 Barn dances are Saturday, July 1, and Saturday, October 14. **Need volunteer to handle food/logistics.**
- 2017 Dash to the Door will be held 8:00am on Saturday, July 1. **Register and donate at [beershebaclinic.org](http://beershebaclinic.org).** 2016 raised \$23,000, which is a significant part of the clinic's operating budget.
- Garrett Adams reminded attendees that the clinic is open and available to all, and provides important medical care free-of-charge to the year-round residents of Beersheba. Sharon Whitman reinforced what a blessing the clinic is for the people of Beersheba.
- 2017 Leonard Tate Scholarship recipient is Caitlyn Forsyth who will be pursuing a teaching degree at Motlow State College. In 2018, the Society hopes to advertise the availability of the scholarship to more students.
- **Summer meetings are scheduled for June 17, July 8, August 5 with dinner at The Assembly, and September 2.**
- A Chattanooga company has approached the Adamases regarding the placement of a cell tower in Beersheba to improve cellular service (multiple providers would share this service). A single tower could be placed in the field adjacent to Hunerwadel Cemetery and be painted to blend in with the trees.
- Sam Baggett gave an update on the Shady Valley Stone Door Annex Fund and thanked donors. The nursery property has been purchased, the Henley property (767 acres) plus the Clem property (100 acres) to the west has been approved for purchase by the state of Tennessee at appraised values. The nursery buildings are being removed from the land now. A proposal is being made to TDEC to allocate funds to improve access to the lake, remove nursery stock, clean up the property, and begin a plan for camping. State of Tennessee desires to have the option of RV camping (which will hopefully enter halfway to Altamont) because the fees will help offset the expenses of the park. The Friends of South Cumberland are still raising money in a fund for this project. \$1,040,000 has been pledged to date, \$40,000 in in-kind donations made, plus \$101,000 in additional in-kind donations expected this year. The plan for this park is to be budget-neutral for the state, with an opening date sometime in 2018.
- Harrison reminded attendees that the **hemlock trees must be treated or they will die.** Hemlocks are ideally treated in the spring. Thirty-five trees in Beersheba were treated in the spring of 2017. Woolly adelgid destruction can be reversed if trees are treated soon. **Hemlock treatment information will be posted to [BeershebaSpringsHistoricalSociety.org](http://BeershebaSpringsHistoricalSociety.org)**
- Beersheba Church of Christ is donating its adjacent building to the Beersheba Clinic.
- **Next meeting is June 17 at 4:00pm at Grace Chapel.** Clopper Almon will present Ralph Thompson's work on "Roads to Beersheba."
- Meeting adjourned at 5:06pm.