Vienna Historical Society
Member Meeting Minutes: January 27, 2026
@ Copper Penny Building

President Christine Novicky made several announcements before the program. Belinda Weiss, spoke about President William McKinley and how the Civil War shaped his presidency. 19 people were in attendance.

Vienna Historical Society
Member Meeting Minutes: February 24, 2026
@ Copper Penny Building

President Christine Novicky made several announcements before the program. Mike Semple, chief photographer for the *Tribune Chronicle/Vindicator,* presented a slideshow showing off his photo works through the years. 36 people were in attendance.

Vienna Historical Society
Member Meeting Minutes: March 31, 2026
@ Copper Penny Building

President Christine Novicky made several announcements before the program. Joan Lawson, archivist for the Diocese of Youngstown*,* presented a slideshow about the history of the churches and priests. 32 people were in attendance.

Vienna Historical Society
Member Meeting Minutes: April 28, 2026
@ Copper Penny Building

President Christine Novicky made several announcements before the program. Paul Rohrbaugh, author*,* presented a slideshow about the history of the GM Lordstown Complex. 35 people were in attendance. After the meeting the winner of the Lifetime Membership Raffle was drawn. Gary Henderson was the winner.

Vienna Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes: May 17, 2026
@ Copper Penny Building

Board Members Present: Christine Novicky, Pam Clower, Pam Klinger, Carol Pennington, Heidi Brown, Jill Pegg, Norma Brink, Jeff Ford
Board Members Absent: Belinda Weiss

President Christine Novicky reported that there were 63 members of the Society for 2026, 40 of which were Lifetime Members. There were 1,452 followers on the Society's Facebook page.

Several inquiries were answered since the last meeting. Richard W. of Kapolei, Hawaii, emailed that his family moved into Vienna, Ohio in 1866 or 1867 and his great-great-grandfather was a coal miner and worked in the mines in Trumbull County. He recently published a book about his family called "Through the Mist of Time: An American Story." He mailed the Society a copy of the book. He also inquired about a Welsh Church in Vienna. Family records show that his great-great-great-great grandmother, Martha Lewis, was buried there. Martha is listed on the 1870 census living with the Thomas and Elizabeth Willoughby family (Elizabeth's Grandmother). His family moved from Vienna in 1876 to a homestead in Kinsley Kansas, so Martha passed between those two dates. Christine looked in the Trumbull County death records book, Find a Grave, and asked the library for an obit. There was evidence that there was a Welsh congregation in Vienna according to a few sources, but an actual church or cemetery is never mentioned. Her grave location or date of death could not be found.

Tod Mackey contacted the Society about an 1860 letter to James & Susan Mackey with details about deaths of their children in 1860, which occurred at member Ray O'Neill's current home in Vienna. The letter was scanned and transcribed. An entry was put in Viennapedia based on this letter.

Diane D. of Mustang, Oklahoma emailed the Society about Abraham Lewis in the Vienna Township Cemetery and suggested the birth year is likely 1780 for him in Find a Grave.

Bruce P. emailed about Phineas Deming in Viennapedia. He is a relative and believes there is a Phineas Deming Jr. who served in the War of 1812 and a Phineas Deming Sr. who served in the Revolutionary War and was a clockmaker that lived in Vienna. Two different Viennapedia pages were created based on his evidence.

George L. asked about a Vienna Township Cemetery contact as he planned to inter his parent's cremains in the cemetery on May 13, 2026. His parents were Alice and Lewis Lathrop.

Craig J. was Isaac and Statira (Cowles) Woodford's 4th great grandson. He was asking if we had photos of the family besides what was on Viennapedia. Christine emailed him back and said that the Society did not have any.

Tara C. emailed about her step-father, William D. Nash Jr., who is buried in the Vienna Township Cemetery. She wishes to order him a veteran headstone and needed to get the cemetery sexton's signature. I directed her to the sexton, Ron Fraser.

Karen F. emailed asking if Eva Marie (Clark) Watson was buried in Dugan Cemetery since the Society previously added her ex-husband Walter Watson in Find a Grave there. Christine contacted the sexton and he replied that she is not buried in Dugan Cemetery. Christine found death records that indicated she was cremated.

Janet K. emailed asking for photos of a school play that her late brother, Andrew Cvercko Jr., directed at Mathews High School. She thought the date of the production was 1968 or 1969. Christine went through the yearbooks and sent her a few photos she found.

Laura T. asked if we had any photos of her mother, Linda Jewell, from when she played softball at Vienna Schools. Christine found a photo of her in the 1962 yearbook and emailed it to her.

Christine reported that extra yearbooks that the Society had were donated to the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library for the following years: 1981, 1984, 1999, and 2002. The Society had thirty-three extra yearbooks that Christine was going to send to ancestry.com for their yearbook database.

Christine recently acquired matchbooks from eBay for the Society and did not want reimbursed. The matchbooks were from the following businesses: Youngstown Inn, Belmont Motel, and the Valhalla Racquet Club.

Viennapedia updates were then discussed. A new entry was written about the Cottage Inn Restaurant, Belmont Motel, Youngstown Inn, Welsh Baptist Congregation, and the 1860 Mackey letter. The entry for the Belmont Manor Country Club was recently updated.

The Christmas Cookies & Cocoa event was held on December 14, 2025 at the Copper Penny. The event had low attendance due to the weather. The Society would likely just have cocoa next year if the event was held again and the Board wanted to participate.

Vice-President Pam Clower reported that she was attending the 5th Annual Family Day sponsored by the Trumbull County Historical Society, to be held at the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library on May 30, 2026 from 11 AM to 2 PM. She would pass out Pancake Breakfast flyers, golf outing flyers, and have Society items on display. Pam suggested that a chain to go across the steps leading up to the porch at the Copper Penny so people do not wander up during events when the building is closed. Jeff said he would purchase a chain and install it.

Secretary Carol Pennington reported that she sent thank-you notes to: the foundation for $2,000, Daryl Timko, Robin Clower, Jan Vaugh, Tom Siebenaller, Shirley Wittenauer, Lauren Mangino, and the Retired Teachers Association for monetary donations. Also, to Peg Bruggeman, Ray & Carley O'Neill, Fred Daras, and Patty & Norbert Carroll for Lifetime Membership purchases. Thank-you notes were also sent to the February speaker, Mike Semple, March speaker, Joan Lawson, and April speaker, Paul Rohbaugh. Thank-you notes were also sent to Kreig Vens and Ron Catchpole for recent artifact donations.

Board meeting minutes from November 30, 2025 and member meeting minutes from December 13, 2025, January 27, 2026, February 24, 2026, March 31, 2026, and April 28, 2026 were read**.** Heidi Brown made a motion to accept the minutes. Norma Brink seconded the motion.

Treasurer Pam Klinger presented the current fiscal report. The balance in the Society's bank account was $28,244.84 and matched the spreadsheet and checkbook. Christine presented receipts for reimbursement; $15 for Viennapedia.org domain renewal and $7.47 for postage for yearbook sales shipping. Heidi Brown made a motion to approve the fiscal report. Carol Pennington seconded the motion. Pam also reported that two yearbooks were ordered from the school from the high school.

Board member Jill Pegg reported that the Society still had about $820 to spend for the cemetery grant by June 30, 2026. The Board decided to spend it on D2 Biological solution.

Board member Norma Brink had no business to discuss.

Board member Jeff Ford reported about a possible grant from Lowe's for free materials up to $50,000 for projects at the Copper Penny. He is waiting to hear back from Lowe's. He talked about future cemetery work and also about the Trumbull County Fair Historical Village. He asked the Board it was ok if he purchased a roll down screen for the west side of the Copper Penny porch. He has offered to pay for it himself to provide shade during Society events on the porch. Norma gave $50 to Jeff to help defray the costs for this project. He also installed coat hooks on the wall in the meeting room of the Copper Penny.

Board member Heidi Brown mentioned a Night at the Races event and was looking into a fall date at the Brookfield Fire Department. She also reported that she filed the Society's tax return. She paid $50 to file it this year but did not want to be reimbursed.

Christine then reported on Vienna Township and Mathews School news. The Mathews Elementary School gymnasium, built for sporting practice and gym class, was completed in January 2026, with a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 21, 2026. There was a new business sign spotted in February 2026, Wedge Motorsports, in the building behind the laundromat. Superintendent Russ McQuaide announced his retirement effective July 31, 2026 and a new superintendent is currently being selected by the Board of Education. The Vienna Center Hair retired their tanning beds and brought in a massage therapist in April 2026. May 5, 2026 was last time that voting was held at St. Thomas Church Hall for unknown reason.

Two fire extinguishers were donated by Phil & Jill Pegg. Christine suggested that they may be given an Honorary One-Year Membership for their contributions. The Board unanimously voted to extend this special membership to them. The Ohio Capital Budget application was previously submitted. Christine discovered that if the budget total exceeds $75K with a state project, no matter how many contractors are involved, then prevailing wage would apply. Phil Pegg recently informed the Board that the Society did not get awarded the Capital Budget grant this year.

John Scott, Lifetime Member, donated $250 cash at the October meeting to raffle off a Lifetime Membership. The raffle made approximately $165 and the winner was drawn at the April meeting. The winner was Gary Henderson and he was notified of his win. Officer elections were also held. The same officers remained in place for the 2026 calendar year.

On May 4, 2026 Christine, Jeff, and Pam Klinger met with 3rd grade students at Mathews Elementary School in conjunction with the Fowler Historical Society. Christine gave a presentation on behalf of Vienna, while Denise Rising gave a talk about Fowler.

Jill and Phil Pegg purchased patriotic wreaths to place on the graves of Revolutionary War Veterans to mark America's 250th anniversary. The wreaths were to be placed after the meeting.

The annual Vienna Memorial Day Observation is to be held on Monday, May 25, 2026. Christine volunteered to make programs and volunteered Society members to distribute them at the observation.

Carol reported that so far there are 11 teams signed up for the golf outing on June 7, 2026 and that more sponsors, raffle baskets, and help were needed. There would not be a 50/50 this year at the outing.

Christine reported that the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser was to be held on August 1, 2026 and that the Society had to sell 100 tickets ahead of time. She suggested that we pass out flyers and sell tickets for the fundraisers at the fair, as well as try to sell tickets for the Summer Concert Porch Experience raffle to be held on August 9, 2026. Vienna Home Day is slated for August 8, 2026 and the Copper Penny will be open for tours and there will also be basket raffles. The Society will focus on the America 250th and have a list of Revolutionary War veterans in the cemetery for people to visit during Home Day. Christine suggested the group hold a fundraiser called the Summer Concert VIP Porch Experience raffle. This will take place on Sunday, August 9, 2026 with the winner getting a table for 2 on the Copper Penny Porch. They will receive appetizers and beverages, as well as a shaded area to enjoy the concert.

Christine ordered a Mathews High School Yearbook advertisement. She paid $100 for a ½ page on behalf of the Society and does not want reimbursed.

A Gift Agreement Form was reviewed for items donated by Kreig Vens.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carol Pennington. Jeff Ford seconded the motion.

Vienna Historical Society
Member Meeting Minutes: May 26, 2026
@ Copper Penny Building

President Christine Novicky made several announcements before the program. Christine then presented a slideshow about the history of the Robert Stranahan family of Vienna. 29 people were in attendance.

Vienna Historical Society
Member Meeting Minutes: September 29, 2026
@ Copper Penny Building

President Christine Novicky made several announcements before the program. Kate Pfouts, Trumbull County Historical Society Archivist, gave a presentation about how Ohio contributed to the shaping of the early United States and its fight for independence. 27 people were in attendance.