May 9, 2018 Meeting

The May 9, 2018 Waterloo Technical Society (WTS) meeting was called to order by President Dorhout at 7:25 pm. President Dorhout welcomed visitors and noted that this was the eighth meeting of the 104th year of the Society.

A total of 37 members and guests attended.

Treasurer's Report. Ken Friend reported a beginning balance of $945.17. Income of $10.00 from 1 membership with expenses of $100.00 for the April speakers' meals leaves a new balance of $855.17. Treasurer Friend's report stated a total of 9 honorary and 54 paid members yielding a membership roster of 63 members.

Current Officers. The 2017-2018 officers for the 104th WTS year were unanimously re-elected to serve in 2018-2019:

Officers for the 2018-2019 year (year 105) are:

President:	Gary Dorhout
Co-Vice Presidents:	Jerry Mohling and James Stevenson
Treasurer:	Kenneth Friend & Paul Anderson
Dinner Reservations:	Derek Eagles & Steve Lang
Secretary:	James Stevenson
Publicity/Recognition:	Todd Whiting
Auditing:	Bill Mitchell & Jim Garrett
Nominating Committee:	Open
Web Site:	Tim Schoenfelder / Jim Volgarino

Old Business. President Dorhout reviewed the topics presented in the past year. The dates, speaker and topics for the 104th WTS were:

Speakers for the 2017-2018 Meeting Year (Year 104)

13 Sep 2017 – William Close—Mega Sculptures
11 Oct 2017 – Dr. Bert Schou– Not Your Grandfather's Farm
8 Nov 2017 – Cody Wilkinson – Large Seeding and Tillage Equipment
13 Dec 2017 – No Meeting
10 Jan 2018 – Susan Card—Jerald Sulky Company
14 Feb 2018 – Barbara and Dale Hatinger – A Career in Technology
14 Mar 2018—Jim Volgarino—The Story of William Galloway
11 Apr 2018—Waverly Shell Rock First Wave Droids Robotics Team
9 May 2018—Dan Whealy--Tour of KWWL Hi-Definition TV Studio

New Business. The membership voted unanimously to donate $250 to the Waverly Shell Rock First Wave Droids Robotics team.

In another move, the membership authorized a donation of $250 to Hawkeye Community College Foundation for scholarships in the Automotive Technology program.

Ken Friend, Treasurer, requested names of these organizations to correspond with and who to write the check to. Jim Volgarino will do this for HCC Foundation; Joshua Lockey will do the same for the First Wave Droids.

The final action taken at the meeting was to raise dues from $10 per year to $20 per year. This was done to enable the Society to make contributions to organizations and individuals that promote or participate in technology.

The membership tabled a motion to donate $250 to Tiny House Program at UNI until the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. Additional items tabled were Website Design, use of $100 given by Todd Whiting for membership growth, and Logo revision.

Guest Speaker. Dan Whealy, Chief Engineer at KWWL Television Station guided a tour of their High Definition TV Station.

On October 27, 2016 KWWL revealed its newly renovated studio at 511 E. Fifth Street in Waterloo, Iowa. The nearly $9 million project in the making was unveiled for the first time on KWWL News at 5:00 p.m. that day.

KWWL has more technology in the main studio than they currently use.



"This has been the culmination of our reconstruction project—an 11,000 sq. foot rehabilitation, taking the studios and news offices from first floor, where they were for nearly six decades, to second floor where they launched the state-of-the-art facility," said KWWL General Manager Jim McKernan at the unveiling.



McKernan said transforming the studio hadn't been easy performing updates without taking away from the building's rich history.





"This building is very old. In fact, one of my favorite pictures of the building dates to World War I with and Overland automobile, a bunch of the guys in the automobile doing recruiting for the first World War," McKernan said.



Meteorologists weren't the only ones excited about the new set.

Reporters and anchors are able to showcase stories differently now, to give the viewer a better understanding of what's going on in the world.

"Truly amazing! The staff has been energized. The really big story here is that for our viewers, we're going to have all types of new technology to tell stories better with weather, severe weather, and day-to-day stories happening around eastern Iowa," McKernan said.



In Phase Two, the former newsroom and studio were taken down to make way for an updated sales department on the first floor.

Pieces of the old KWWL set were donated to area colleges.



The old main desk went to the UNI Communications Department, while other parts were given to Loras College in Dubuque.

For more information view http://www.KWWL.com website.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be September 12, 2018, featured will be Tiny House Project at UNI.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. to tour KWWL Studios at 511 E. 5th Street, Waterloo, IA

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Stevenson, Vice President and Secretary