Year End Update for 2017-As of this week (11-15-2017) we have sold just over $30,000 worth of books for the Willard Clock project. Not too shabby from someone who didn't know much about book writing LOL. I have heard nothing but compliments from everyone and even some unbelievers like the book. I appreciate those compliments! Thank You! I hope this goes to show people anywhere and especially Willard, Ohio and the surrounding area just how serious this small clock group is about restoring the clock and rebuilding her. From the get go people said we couldn't do it or they were waiting to see something done before they donated. Low and behold things although slow, were getting done. To those people have you donated yet? I am proud of this small gang busting their ass to make something happen. They have gone above and beyond to get this far. I believe it's time for business to step up to the plate and make this happen. Based on what we have already raised in cash and pledges we at a minimum we need another $135,000 to start the build. It will still be tight on the budget. But we are within site of the goal getting this up. The estimated weight of the tower and clock is 8000 lbs. The clock tower will stand 50 feet tall and measure 10 feet by 10 feet square. That should match about how high and big she was on top of the old city hall as much as we can figure. A steel skeleton frame with a new clock structure on top. The Clock will look as it did in 1913 when it was built and run the same day we crane it to a standing position. The 104-year-old bell will ring, the clock will keep time on the four face dials using the old iron clock dial faces it came with. The clock dials will be back lite as it was 104 years ago (the first of the kind being lite like this in the area in 1913) so you can see the time at night. We'll also have a carillon to be used. Hopefully we should be able to program the Willard Flashes fight song in it to use on game nights. The top of the clock itself will be lighted by lights provided by a former Willardite that runs a lighting business in California. Her donation toward the clock. That alone is several thousand dollars we don't have to raise for lighting. We have a donation of foundation/footer system for the clock another several thousand dollars we need not worry about. We will still need the brick facade to raise some money for, but we are hoping to get local contractors to help with that. So here is my question to the people and business that call Willard home (even if you no longer live there). This last money will be the hardest money to raise. I've put my money and time where my mouth is on this project. I have asked friends all over the country for help on this project who have absolutely no connection to Willard and they have come through for me on this and Oh how I appreciate their friendship on that! I have made some new friends on this thing. I started this in May 2012 and to be honest, I am ready to put this to bed. So, I am asking everyone to dig deep because we want to complete this for Willard. Retail business, manufacturing, farming and those who believe, we need your generous donations now. You can still take advantage of this year for a tax-deductible contribution. Make checks out to Save Willard's Clock and mail it to PO Box 367 Willard, Ohio 44890. (Books are not tax deductible but are fantastic gifts for Christmas). The Time is Now has been the theme for this all these years. Let’s not drop the ball now.