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MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Monday, February 28, 2022
Masks Required

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Nieves Guijarro – Vice-President
Jarv Osborne – Treasurer
Charlene Watt – Secretary
Lisa Morrison
Delynne Patterson
Judy Ransome

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the September 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Delynne Patterson, Seconded by Lisa Morrison. Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Jarv Osborne. Main bank account balance was \$5,885.29 on January 31, 2022. Expenses to date included \$839.58. Deposits included \$5,000 from the Village of Burk's Falls, \$1,000 from the Legion, \$1,545 from the Hodg Grant and \$5,000 from the Federal Grant Reopening Fund. Main account balance on February 28, 2022 was \$11,048.71. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Lisa Morrison, Seconded by Delynne Patterson. Carried**



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Committee Reports:

No reports were presented.

General Business:

Watt Farm House Update:

Diane Brandt provided a verbal update to Members indicating that she has been painting upstairs and has installed shelving in the front bedroom. Armour is looking into installing a chair lift to accommodate accessibility to the upper level. The "Memory Corner" for 2022 which will spotlight a person that has historically impacted our communities will be of Elwood Addison. Diane will compile the information to be shared on our website and social media page. Kendra Kellas will be rehired in late May.

School House Update:

Delynne Patterson informed Members that the Township of Ryerson will continue to apply for government grants that would apply to the schoolhouse. It was recommended that Ryerson contact a contractor provide a quote for all repairs that may be required for the building which will allow Ryerson to address any potential crucial concerns. A Museum In-Kind Donation Report was reviewed by Members noting \$2,568.32 for pest control, hydro and insurance. The contents under the insurance were questioned and discussed. Delynne Patterson will follow up and report back

Correspondence:

Diane Brandt met with Dr. Matt Tegelberg from York University and Dr. Tom Griffin from Ryerson University on February 23, 2022 to discuss their project on how COVID-19 has impacted tourism in our area.

Andrew Hind will be writing a book on cottage country ghost towns and is seeking information on Royston. Although the Historical Society does not have any photos to share, Jarv Osborne mentioned that Bob Hall may have information for the writer.

Members received a card from the family of Phyllis Leggett thanking for the donation to the Young at Heart Senior Centre in memory of Phyllis Leggett.



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New Business:

Heritage Day:

Charlene Watt provided a verbal report to Members on the plans for 2022 Heritage Day. The event will be held on July 9, 2022 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. An Armour budget of approximately \$16,000 is proposed since we have not been able to host the event since 2019 due to the pandemic. Archives of Ontario will be loaning their History of Movie Theatres in Ontario travelling exhibit. The firefighter challenge will include coins for the firefighters, a mini challenge with participation ribbons for children, live music with a stage and a MC for the challenge. New attractions include antique photographers with old time costumes, archery and a free cinema night at the Burk's Falls theatre. Members discussed adding a farmer's market, and spaces for community organizations and emergency management to promote their services and programs. An alternative food service to accommodate people with food allergies was recommended. Additional information will be presented at a later date.

Advertising for 2022:

Members discussed advertising for 2022 and agreed to place a full-page advertisement in the Chamber of Commerce's annual magazine.

Donations:

Steve and Dianne Mulligan offered to donate a cabinet TV (size 20" D x 28-1/2" W x 35-1/2" H). Members accepted the donation as it will support the travelling exhibit from Archives on Ontario this year.

Diane provided an update on the donations that were received over the last couple of months which included an agricultural poster (25-1/4" x 37-3/4"); doll, doctor's tools belonging to Dr. Hallam and Dr. Pocock; wheelchair, wooden washing machine, butter churn, and butter press (the last four items were appraised by Hans Gohlich).

Jarv Osborne presented an offer from Brian Danborough to donate CN Rail tools to the Historical Society. Members accepted the offer and requested a list of the items for cataloguing purposes.

Reopening Funds:

Diane informed Members that the Reopening Funds received from the Federal Government will be used to purchase archival supplies such as Windowgrip UV Protection for the windows in living/dining rooms; other archival supplies as required, framing for artifacts, dry cleaning for donated clothing (i.e. Navy uniform, cape, etc.) and lock boxes for donations. Diane indicated that a new process to handle donations will be implemented.



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Audit of the books:

Diane Brandt advised Members that auditors are needed for the review of the fiscal year end's financial statement. Diane Brandt will speak to Betty Caldwell about reviewing the books with Nieves Guijarro.

Treasurer Position 2022:

Jarv Osborne informed Members that he will not seek re-nomination as Treasurer for 2022. Members will need to nominate a new person at next month's annual general meeting.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2022 at Fell Homes. There being no further business, **Lisa Morrison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President