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MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Monday, June 20, 2022
Masks Required

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Nieves Guijarro – Vice-President
Charlene Watt – Secretary
Lorne Main
Jarv Osborne
Delynne Patterson
Judy Ransome
Guest: Herb Sutcliffe

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 and Guest, Herb Sutcliffe. Herb is seeking information on the history of properties around Pickerel Lake. He is also the President of the Pickerel Lake Cottagers Association.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the May 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Delynne Patterson, Seconded by Nieves Guijarro. Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

A written Treasurer's / Financial Report was submitted by Kendra Kellas and presented to Members by Diane Brandt. Main bank account balance was \$9,582.85 on May 31, 2022 and is currently \$8,671.89 on June 20, 2022. Expenses in May included Cheque #222, \$622.75



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to Diane Brandt for (\$358.61 dry cleaning, \$263.74 office supplies/lock boxes); Cheque #223 VOID, Cheque #224, \$29.02 to Home Hardware for paint, Cheque #225, \$50.00 to DKJ Laser Design for a plaque, Cheque #226, \$206.75 to Home Building Centre for paint, Cheque #227, \$61.57 to the Township of Armour for toner and automatic withdrawal for \$56.44 to Net Spectrum. Deposits in May totalled \$1,020.00, deposits in June include \$44.00 from Canada Helps (anonymous donation) and \$10 from Armour Book sale. The lottery account balance is \$65.00. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Judy Ransome. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Heritage Day Update: Members reviewed a revised site plan of the farm field. To date there are 31 vendors. A verbal update was provided to Members on the final stages of the event planning. Kyle the Monster Nelson has cancelled his attendance due to a scheduled fight. Diane has ordered the cake and the program will be drafted. Charlene will be attending the farm field with Paul Schafer (Kearney Fire Chief) and Karen Fraser (Vendor Co-ordinator) on Friday, July 8 to mark assigned spaces for attractions. The sponsored movie will be held on Friday, July 8 at the Towne Theatre and showing Top Gun Maverick. Promotion of the sponsored admission will be posted on the day of the showing as seating is capped at 200. Meghan O'Rourke, Recreation Co-ordinator at the Village is creating a three panel display on the history of the cinema. Members were appreciative and asked Charlene to follow up with the Village to ask Meghan to share the research at the cinema on the movie night. The stairlift will not be installed in time for Heritage Day. Nieves has organized the popcorn ordering with the Village of Burk's Falls and will pick up the supplies for Heritage Day. Nieves will ask that the Village forward the invoice to the Historical Society.

General Business:

Watt Century Farm House Update:

Diane updated Members to advise summer displays are being created and Jim Shaw has created a display for our community hero, Elwood Addison. Additional summer displays to support the cinema theme will include "entertainment back in the day" and consist of music, board games, etc. Diane advised that the farm house will be opened to the public on June 25 and daily summer hours will begin on July 2 with the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Update:

The schoolhouse remains closed at this time. Delynne Patterson updated Members to advise that the window has been repaired. A contractor will be repairing the eaves, installing a sliding screen door, repairing the siding by the oil tank, repairing the lighting, air sealing for cracks, inspecting the roof, completing exterior landscaping and the electrical will be inspected.



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Delynne continues to make calls to inquire about exterior and structural repairs. Funding for the project is being investigated. Diane Brandt advised that someone did some cleaning at the centre.

The Historical Society will set up a table at the Village of Burk's Falls Canada Day celebration at Stan Darling Park on July 1.

Correspondence:

Members reviewed correspondence requesting information on the Maple Leaf School. Lorne will contact the inquirer to provide additional history on the building. Mike Quinton had provided a response via email with some helpful information.

General Business:

Members reviewed books written by Andrew Hind: Founded on Stone 1 and 2 and agreed that display copies be obtained for the public to view. If the public wish to purchase the book, the contact information for Andrew Hind will be provided or a poster will be created to provide ordering instructions.

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on July 18, 2022 at Fell Homes. There being no further business, **Jarv Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President