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MINUTES

Burk's Falls & District Historical Society Armour Council Chambers, Burk's Falls Monday, May 17, 2021

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Nieves Guijarro – Vice-President
Charlene Watt - Secretary
Betty Caldwell
Judy Ransome
Lisa Morrison (via teleconference)
Delynne Patterson (via teleconference)

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members.
Regrets from Bruce Campbell and Jarv Osborne.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the March 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Judy Ransome, Seconded by Nieves Guijarro. Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Diane Brandt. Main bank account balance was \$10,855.96 on April 30, 2021. Expenses in May include: \$30.42 for office supplies, \$84.72 for a step ladder, and \$727.30 for blinds at the farmhouse. Account balance on May 17, 2021 was \$10,013.52. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Delynne Patterson, Seconded by Betty Caldwell. Carried**



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Committee Reports:

No report available.

General Business:

Young Canada Works:

Student funding received from Young Canada Works totaled \$5,443.20. The help wanted ad for the student heritage co-ordinator will run until 4:00 p.m. on May 25, 2021. An interview committee consisting of Delynne Patterson, Lisa Morrison and Diane Brandt was formed. The committee will discuss the interview format and advise Charlene Watt if a Zoom meeting platform is required.

Farm House Update:

Renovations are ongoing upstairs. The upstairs bathroom has been converted into a newspaper storage room with the archived publications being moved to the shelving. Diane Brandt and Kendra Kellas are discussing displays for the season. The blinds have all been installed. Kendra has tidied the flower beds and borders and transplanted plants to prepare the yard's gardens.

School House Update:

Kendra Kellas and Diane Brandt have tidied the flower beds and borders and transplanted plants to prepare the yard's gardens. Diane reported that there is minimal damage from mice at the heritage site this year. The broken window is in need of repair before the Members spring clean the schoolhouse. Delynne informed Members that the Township of Ryerson is to hire a maintenance person for the season. Delynne also provided an update on the Ontario Bike program and advised that a bike rack has been ordered and water will be available to visitors. Delynne recommended that the Members consider a vision for the schoolhouse with a five-year plan.

Opening of Heritage Centres:

Members discussed the 2021 operating season and agreed that once the Province allows for museums to open up in response to the pandemic that we will open by appointment only. Safety protocols and personal protective equipment will be required. Diane Brandt will contact the Township of Armour regarding a safety policy for Members.



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Mature Employee 2021:

Members discussed the resolution that was passed at the last meeting regarding the rehiring of Kendra Kellas for the season. The Young Canada Works Student Grant pays a student \$18.00 per hour. Kendra has been employed seasonally by the Historical Society for three years, is knowledgeable in the position's duties and has a flexible work schedule. Members agreed to increase her hourly rate to reflect the senior position. **Motion to move that the Members of the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society agree to rehire Kendra Kellas for the 2021 operating season at a cost of \$20.00 per hour: Moved by Lisa Morrison, Seconded by Judy Ransome. Carried**

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held at the call of the President. There being no further business, **Betty Caldwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President