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MINUTES
Burk's Falls and District Historical Society
Watt Century Farm House Heritage Centre, Burk's Falls
Monday, August 2, 2021

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Judy Ransome
Betty Caldwell
Delynne Patterson
Jarv Osborne – Treasurer
Mike Quinton

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members.

Delegation:

None

Approval and Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the May 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Delynne Patterson, Seconded by Judy Ransome. Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Jarv Osborne. Bank balance as of July 31, 2021 was \$7,647.39. There are some invoices to come from Armour. Jarv has \$80.00 to deposit - \$50.00 for the sale of the small electric glass door stove from Linda Maurer when she moved in 2017 and \$30.00 for membership. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Mike Quinton, Seconded by Betty Caldwell. Carried**

Committee Reports:

No report available.

General Business:

Charitable Status Income Tax Return:

Dalene McDonald, Accountant, who has previously filed the Charitable Status Income Tax Return for the Historical Society informed Jarv she is retiring. After some discussion, it was agreed that Jarv would ask Dalene if she would file the Income Tax Return for the Historical Society again this year. Return to be submitted by August 31, 2021. This will allow us time to get some quotes to replace Dalene next year.

Farm House Update:

Diane Brandt presented to the members present an invitation she will be sending to the three Municipalities inviting members of council and staff to visit the Watt Century Farm House Heritage Centre on Wednesday, August 4 or Thursday, August 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. before opening the doors to the public on Friday, August 6, 2021. After discussion on the days and hours to be open during the month of August, it was decided to open from Thursday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Masks or face shields will be required.

Schoolhouse Update:

Diane reported she had been at the Schoolhouse last week. The battery in the smoke detector was beeping and a mouse nest was discovered in the box where the electrical panel is located. She advised Judy Kosowan by email. Delynne advised the members Ryerson applied for a government grant to do renovations and repairs to the Schoolhouse. They should know mid-August into September if they will receive funding. The hope is to be able to replace the windows, the door, and install new siding.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

Jarv reported he was contacted by Myrna Ward, who is selling her house, regarding a donation of a couple of stoves. He took photos of the stoves, and it was decided to decline the donation.

Mike made the suggestion that perhaps the Historical Society should have an Acquisition Budget. It was agreed Acquisitions should be included in the Budget presented to Councils at a cap of \$500.00. The members also decided to make the following motion: **Motion to move that a member may purchase an artifact or artifacts up to a maximum of \$50.00. Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Betty Caldwell. Carried**

Adjournment:

Hopefully the next meeting will be held on Monday, September 20. There being no further business, **Delynne Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.**

Recorded by
Diane Brandt, President

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President