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MINUTES

Burk's Falls & District Historical Society

Fell Homes, Burk's Falls

Monday, October 17, 2022

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Charlene Watt – Secretary
Lorne Main
Jarv Osborne
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. Regrets from Nieves Guijarro and Jenny Hall.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the September 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Delynne Patterson. Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

A written Treasurer's / Financial Report was submitted by Kendra Kellas and presented to Members by Charlene Watt and Diane Brandt. Main bank account balance was \$12,189.73 on September 30, 2022. Expenses from September to current include Net Spectrum automatic withdrawal \$56.44; Cheque #234 in the amount of \$311.25 to Diane Brandt for expenses; Cheque #235 in the amount of \$12.75 to Armour Township; Cheque #236 in the amount of \$103.34. to Home Building Centre; Cheque #237 in the amount of \$16.92 to Home Hardware. Deposit of \$156.55 was made on September 19, 2022. Cheques written in October but not cleared to date include: #238 in the amount of \$3,488.81 to Armour Township for



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wages and #239 in the amount of \$65.00 for membership to the Ontario Historical Society. 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 Lorne Main. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Watt Century Farm House Update:

Diane updated Members that the kitchen and pantry have been painted. The garage has been organized and winterization preparations are underway.

Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Update:

The schoolhouse remains closed at this time. Delynne Patterson, Ryerson Representative updated Members on the status of repairs by the contractor at the schoolhouse. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

Diane informed Members that a report will be provided to individual Councils after the new term is sworn in.

Correspondence:

In response to last month's general business, Jenny Hall provided an email from Laura Harris at Trillium Tax Services. The Historical Society has been quoted \$75 per hour to complete and file the Charitable Income Tax Status form for 2023. **Motion to accept the quote from Trillium Tax Services of \$75 per hour to complete the Charitable Status Return effective 2023. Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Lorne Main. Carried.**

General Business:

Burk's Falls Arrow newspapers have been received from Sandra Gohm. We have received 9 publications: October 2, 1940, November 5, 1941, November 11, 1942, December 8, 1943, November 15, 1944, November 7, 1945, October 16, 1946, November 9, 1947 and December 1, 1948.

Watt Farmhouse Halloween Ghost Hunt will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. A flyer has been created to promote the family friendly event. Admission is \$5 per family. Ghosts will be hung around the heritage centre with the names of Watt family members. Children will be given an opportunity to play a game by listing the names and handing in their paper to be entered into a draw at the end of the afternoon. Jarv Osborne offered to deliver winning pumpkins, if required. Collin's Valu-Mart has donated 50 mini pumpkins and 3 large pumpkins. Diane has filled 75 treat bags.



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Duties for the event were assigned:

Front entrance greeter & cash collector: Kendra Kellas

Front entrance ghost hunt game handout: Judy Ransome

Kitchen refreshment server: Jarv Osborne

Enclosed porch candy bag server: Diane Brandt

Enclosed porch collector of completed ghost hunt game sheet: Charlene Watt

Garage pumpkin handout: Nieves Guijarro / Delynne Patterson

Delynne will be in attendance, depending on the result of the municipal election. She is schedule for training that day and if elected, cannot attend the event.

Charlene and Diane will decorate on October 22, 2022. Members will meet at the farm house at 12:30 on October 29, 2022.

New Business:

Lorne Main read an article from the Ontario Historical Society's newsletter regarding a requirement for historical societies to register under the new Ontario Business Registry or risk losing their incorporation. Diane Brandt advised that the Municipal Clerk for Armour Township had completed the requirement for us; however, Diane will phone the Ontario Historical Society to ensure that the account is set up.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on November 21, 2022 at Fell Homes. There being no further business, **Jarv Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President