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MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Monday, September 27, 2021
Masks Required

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Nieves Guijarro – Vice-President
Jarv Osborne – Treasurer
Charlene Watt - Secretary
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.

COVID Screening Sheets were completed and proof of vaccinations were provided by Members.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members. Regrets from Lisa Morrison and Lorne Main.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the August 2, 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. Main bank account balance was \$6,608.42 on August 31, 2021. Expenses for September include \$56.44 to Net Spectrum, \$71.60 to the Framing Place, \$143.83 for office supplies and \$39.22 to Diane Brandt for miscellaneous supplies. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Nieves Guijarro, Seconded by Delynne Patterson. Carried**



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Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: A written membership report was provided in advance of the meeting from Lorne Main. Diane Brandt presented the report. There are 10 paid memberships for 2021.

General Business:

Watt Farm House Update:

Diane Brandt provided a verbal update to Members indicating that artifacts are being shuffled in the heritage site and that the living room will be setup as a picture gallery. There are plans for 2022 to set up a "Memory Corner" which will spotlight a person that has historically impacted our communities. After Thanksgiving, some artifacts will be packed for winter storage.

School House Repairs:

Delynne Patterson advised that the funding request for the building's repairs were declined. The window will be fixed at the schoolhouse by the Township. Diane provided a verbal list of requested repairs at Delynne's request that included: windows, screen door, rodent proofing and new siding. The Township of Ryerson will continue to apply for government grants that would apply to the schoolhouse.

Firefighter Fundraiser on Sunday, October 3, 2021:

A flyer of the Southeast Almaguin Fire Department's "Concert in the Field" was reviewed by Members. The event will run from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Dick Watt's field across the road from the farm house. Diane indicated that the heritage site will be open on this day from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for visitors.

Donations from Barb Marlow:

Members discussed the offer from Barb Marlow, Deputy Mayor for the Township of Ryerson of a late 1800's hand plow and seeder. Members graciously accepted the offer of the historical artifacts but declined on the sewing machine.

Correspondence:

Andrew Hind sent a copy of his book, "Founded on Stone, Tales of Early Parry Sound District." The Historical Society provided information to Andrew to assist in his writing. Nieves Guijarro will contact Andrew to obtain a copy of the publication for the local library.



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New Business:

The purchase of archival products was discussed by Members. It was recommended that archival products be added as a budget line item. **Motion to approve the purchase of archival products to a limit of \$600: Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Nieves Guijarro. Carried**

Jarv Osborne informed Members that Lorne Main will be resigning as the Membership Committee effective immediately. The tracking will be recorded through the Treasurer's reporting. Members acknowledged and accepted Lorne's resignation from the committee.

September 30, 2021 marks the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. The Historical Society will acknowledge this day by posting a notice on its Facebook and website.

The annual Halloween event at the farm house will no longer be held due to the number of artifacts and limited spacing. A new annual Halloween event was suggested which included a haybale decorating contest. The topic will be brought up at a future meeting.

The Cookies with Mrs. Claus event will not be held in 2021 due to the pandemic's public gathering restrictions and vaccine passport requirements.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held at the call of the President. There being no further business, **Delynne Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President