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MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Monday, February 13, 2017

Members Present: Linda Maurer - President
Betty Caldwell – Vice President
Charlene Watt – Secretary
Diane Brandt
Nieves Guijarro
Lorne Main
Lisa Morrison
Judy Ransome

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m.

Linda Maurer in the Chair.

Welcome:

Linda welcomed Members.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the January 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Diane Brandt, Seconded by Lorne Main. Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Linda Maurer. Expenses submitted for February and totalled \$104.28. The bank balance on December 31, 2016 was \$5,619.40. The Financial Report has been attached for review.



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Motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Nieves Guijarro, Seconded by Betty Caldwell. Carried

Committee Reports:

None

General Business:

1. *Draft Budget:* Linda Maurer presented the 2017 Budget to Members. The budget for the year is submitted at \$26,389. Last year's budget was \$27,400. The Historical Society is to request \$5,000 from each municipality to assist with the Museum Curator Staff Position. The Township of Ryerson estimated \$3,100 in annual expenses for the schoolhouse.
2. *Charitable Status:* Effective March 1, 2017, Revenue Canada will issue the Historical Society charity status and allow us to issue receipts for donations.
3. *Summer Employment:* Help wanted ads will run in the MuskokaRegion.com on Thursday, February 16, 2017 for the Summer Museum Assistant (8 weeks), Summer Assistant Curator (12 weeks) and Museum Curator Position. The Museum Curator (mature position) employment will run from May to October. Diane Brandt requested that the employment opportunities also be posted with Employment North. Charlene has posted the positions on the website and the Municipalities are to post the notice on their websites and Facebook page. The high school has been provided notice as well.
4. *Archiving:* Betty and Diane are continuing to sort through the museum artifacts and log the items. Summer students will not be involved in this task.
5. *2017 Goals:* An educational program is encouraged to be promoted to schools to increase traffic and support the learning curriculum. Dona Crawford has created a program but Member involvement is required to promote it to the local schools. 2017 will also focus on obtaining corporate sponsorships.
6. *Rick Hansen Grant:* Previous applications for government funding to install a ramp at the farmhouse have been declined. We will attempt to obtain funding from the Rick Hansen Grant. Letters of support are required as well as contractor quotes. The Township of Armour will apply on our behalf.



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7. *Canada 150*: Diane Brandt is the Historical Society's Representative. Charlene will provide a written report on where the Township of Armour stands with the shared Heritage Day/Canada Day Event (July 8) at our next meeting. The Ryerson Event will be held on June 24, 2017 and we will set up the schoolhouse with a steamship display. Lisa Morrison will contact the Principal of MA Wittick Junior Public School to see if they would be interested in promoting a Spelling Bee contest. Games planned include: potato sack races and egg and spoon races. Mulligan's are to set up a logging display. An axe throwing presentation is something we may look into as well. Diane will book the maple sugar display, the trapper display and antique tractors for July 8, 2017. Charlene will organize the Touch a Truck Event and book the Hammond Horses. Diane will contact the Village of Burk's Falls to determine what involvement is required from the Historical Society on July 1, 2017.

8. *RED Grant for Apps*: Linda would like to see an App being offered that promotes local historical societies and hopes to team up with Magnetawan, Sundridge and South River. The App would be encouraged for day trippers and showcase old resort locations, where the steamboats used to stop, etc. Linda will chat with Brad Crozier for ideas and ask if he would be interested in participating in the App creation.

Other Business:

2017 Elections: The Annual General Meeting will be held at our next meeting. The local shared services meeting falls on the third Monday of March. We will move our meeting to the fourth Monday of March to allow for more Member participation.

Annual Membership: Membership dues are to be paid next month.

Adjournment:

It was decided to meet on Monday, March 27, 2017 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business, **Charlene Watt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Linda Maurer, President

BURK'S FALLS DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2016-2017 BUDGET

EXPENSE:	2016-17 Estimate	2017 -2018 BUDGET
TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$ 1,262.28	\$ 678.00
GARDEN/SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 380.00	\$ 250.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 378.37	\$ 300.00
BANK CHARGES	\$ 75.50	\$ 75.00
CALENDARS	\$ 828.29	\$ -
DONATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS	\$ 105.00	\$ 100.00
ADVERTISING-TOD Signs	\$ 968.49	\$ 400.00
EQUIPMENT- SHELIVING		\$ -
SPECIAL EVENT DAYS	\$ 1,416.52	\$ 1,000.00
SCHOOL HOUSE - HYDRO, GRASS CUTTING PEST CONTROL		\$ 3,100.00
WAGES - SUMMER AND MATURE CURATOR	\$ 15,547.83	\$ 15,786.00
BUILDING REPAIRS/CAPITAL RENOVATIONS FUND		\$ 4,000.00
INSURANCE	\$ 660.96	\$ 700.00
BOOK PURCHASES	\$ 84.00	\$ -
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 21,807.24	\$ 26,389.00
REVENUE:		
BANK BALANCE	\$ 9,283.20	\$ 5,594.00
CORPORATE SPONSORS	\$ 1,712.00	\$ 1,000.00
PUBLIC DONATIONS	\$ 1,236.21	\$ 2,000.00
SALES OF BOOKS/CARDS/dvd's	\$ 501.50	\$ 500.00
MUNICIPAL GRANTS	\$ 12,602.85	\$ 15,000.00
PROVINCIAL OPERATING GRANTS	\$ 1,545.00	\$ 1,545.00
Memberships	\$ 30.00	\$ 100.00
Sale of newspapers	\$ 206.00	\$ 100.00
Msc	\$ 37.86	\$ 100.00
SUMMER STUDENT GRANT-Armour received and netted the expense		
BANK INTEREST		\$ 50.00
FUND RAISERS	\$ 246.35	\$ 400.00
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$ 27,400.97	\$ 26,389.00