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MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Monday, October 23, 2017

Members Present: Diane Brandt – Acting Chair
Nieves Guijarro – Vice President
Charlene Watt - Secretary
Betty Caldwell
Lorne Main
Wilma Bentley
Lisa Morrison
Jarv Osborne
Dona Crawford

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the August 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved**
by Jarv Osborne, **Seconded** by Lisa Morrison. **Carried**



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Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report was presented by Charlene Watt. Main bank account balance was \$9,189.97 on September 30, 2017. Psychic Day raised \$615.00. Lotto account balance was \$1,095.00 on October 20, 2017. Main bank account balance is \$9,309.78 as of October 22, 2017. **Motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Lisa Morrison, Seconded by Betty Caldwell. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Lorne Main advised that the Historical Society remains the same as the August report and has 26 paid Memberships for 2017.

Heritage Centres:

Schoolhouse Report: Wilma Bentley provided a written report on the schoolhouse 2017 operating season. Total visitors for 2017 was 612. Total visitors for 2016 was 451. The full written report is attached.

Farm House Report: Diane Brandt advised members that the total "signed in" visitors at the farm house from January was 381 with over 636 volunteer hours documented. Psychic Day was extremely successful with 20 people booked for each of the two sessions and raised \$615.00. Each session ran two hours long. The Halloween party that we celebrated this past Saturday (October 21st) brought in 17 families and raised \$85.00. The second annual Halloween Party was well received, thank you to our many volunteers, professional pumpkin carvers: Grant Ralston and Brad Crozier and to Collins Valu-Mart for donating 40 pumpkins (25 large and 15 small). Next year, we will consider having a haunted house event.

Archiving: Diane Brandt advised members that the handwritten accession records from 1996-2015 have been all been entered into a computer. Archiving books and artifacts from the schoolhouse is now being worked on. Diane has obtained help from Marg Burgess with the creation of catalogue cards. This task will begin in the New Year. Archiving is a large ongoing task.

General Business:

1. *Correspondence:*

Diane advised members that the Almaguin Highland Art Council has returned our cheque. The Almaguin Arts Culture and Heritage Directory will not be created.



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A thank you card was received from Linda Maurer expressing gratitude for the retirement dinner and the bracelet. She praised our heritage sites and dedicated volunteers.

An invitation to Wendy Whitwell's retirement party (Municipal Clerk for Armour Township) was circulated to members. The celebration will be held at the Katrine Community Centre on November 24, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Floyd Allen is hosting an antique car show in 2018 and would like to stop at the farm house next August. Arrangements are to be made in the spring to promote the event. The Club is from Huntsville.

A donation to the memory of Pierrette Caldwell was made to the Burk's Falls Legion.

2. *Cookies with Mrs. Claus:* A date of December 10, 2017 from 1 – 3 pm and a cost of \$10 per family was agreed by members to hold the second Annual Christmas Event at the Farm House. Two cookies will be provided per child to decorate. We will invite Cathy Still to play the piano and Jerry Brandt to dress up as Santa. Diane will ask Nancy Kyte to make the royal icing for the event. Charlene has obtained the craft supplies. **Motion to set a cost of \$10 per family for the Christmas event: Moved by Lisa Morrison, Seconded by Betty Caldwell. Carried.**
3. 3R Volunteer Program: Nieves and Diane met with Dave Gray, Community Economic Development Officer. Dave indicated that the Historical Society requires role descriptions and succession planning. Functions such as recruitment, sponsorship program creation, marketing, educational programs, etc need to be implemented.
4. Website: Diane Brandt indicated that Mike Quinton will be taking over the website maintenance soon. Mike is to contact Client First Canada (Kristen) for training. Charlene will continue to maintain the Facebook page.

New Business:

Heritage Day 2018 in partnership with the Township of Armour will be held at the Watt Century Farm House on Saturday, July 14, 2018. Charlene will contact the Archives of Ontario to borrow a travelling exhibit. First choice is the Ontario's Sporting Past Display. Second choice is the Promotion of Healthy Living in Ontario Display.



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Other Business:

The shared services meeting will be held on October 30, 2017. The Historical Society will request the three municipalities' support in the amount of \$5000 each again for 2018. Consideration for an agreement between the municipalities detailing funding, expectations, etc. was suggested.

Adjournment:

It was decided to meet on Monday, November 20, 2017 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business, **Dona Crawford moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, Acting Chair

Secretary's Copy

2017 WISEMAN'S CORNER SCHOOL HOUSE REPORT

<u>VISITORS</u>		<u>2017</u>	(COMPARISON)	<u>2016</u>
May	=	20	⊖ CLOSED	
June	=	26		13
(School Reunion)	=	114		⊖
July	=	154		114
August	=	144		146
Sept.	=	88		95
Oct.	=	66		83
<u>GRAND TOTALS</u>	=	<u>612</u>		<u>451</u>

Last from Donation Jar = \$141.36

Last sales = 1 Ryerson Bk. ^(our last copy) = \$20.00
7 Post Cards = 7.00
Total Last sales = 27.00

COMMENTS:

It was a good year! The Reunion was just wonderful. It was a pleasure over the months to meet and greet so many special people. They were from all over — even Japan, India, and Belgium. A lot came from southern and central Onto. as well as Muskoka and North Bay. ~~Some even~~ came from British Columbia. They all couldn't get over the one-room school house. Some would come in for directions to 'Screaming Heads' and go back out for the rest of the family. Sometimes this would mean a dozen more.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable time. I'm just sorry the season has come to a close.

Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

Wilma Bentley
(Wilma Bentley)

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