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MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Monday, November 20, 2017

Members Present: Diane Brandt – Acting Chair
Nieves Guijarro – Vice President
Charlene Watt - Secretary
Betty Caldwell
Lorne Main
Rosalind Hall
Lisa Morrison

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:56 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 October 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved**
by Lisa Morrison, **Seconded** by Nieves Guijarro. **Carried**



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Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report was not presented and was deferred due to absence of the monthly report. Diane Brandt indicated that the Hodge Grant was received in October 2017 in the amount of \$1545.00

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Lorne Main advised that the Historical Society remains the same as the August, September and October report and has 26 paid Memberships for 2017. Membership cards were issued. Lorne will send out a reminder email to members to renew for 2018.

Members discussed and agreed to forego the membership payment from Wilma Bentley for 2017. Wilma has 448 volunteer hours from May 19 to October 9, 2017.

Archiving: Diane Brandt advised members that she is continuing to scan pictures and books. Schoolhouse books that have been scanned have been returned to the heritage centre.

General Business:

1. Correspondence:

An email was received from Lee Ann Wiseman stating that she has visited the gravesite in France of James Douglas Wiseman who was killed in WW1 in October 1918 and whose memorial we have at the Schoolhouse. Lee Ann Wiseman would like to mail pictures of the gravesite. Diane Brandt sent an email reply with the mailing address on November 18, 2017.

An email was received from Dale Rutherford advising he connected with Tristan, the great grandson of Henry Knight and Tristan's father who are interested in seeing the counters in bob's store and sharing more information about Henry and his family. Dale was able to find a couple of records that confirmed that Henry Knight lived in St. Catharines, Ontario. He died in 1932.

An email was received from Steve McIntyre advising she left a photo on our Facebook page. He indicated that he has high resolution pictures to share. Charlene Watt will review the Facebook page to determine where the posting was shared as our settings do not allow people to post to our Facebook page.

2. Cookies with Mrs. Claus: Details were finalized on the event.



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Date: Sunday, December 10, 2017 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Cost is \$10 per family. Two cookies will be provided per child to decorate.

Cookies will be donated by: Bruce Campbell, Judy Ransome, Lisa Morrison and Charlene Watt

Music: Cathy Still will play the piano

Santa: Jerry will attend the event and greet children

Mrs. Claus: Betty Caldwell will sit with the children and decorate cookies

Volunteers for the event date: Charlene, Diane, Lisa, Betty, Bruce, Nieves and her daughter, Clara

Hot Chocolate: Charlene Watt will bring hot chocolate in a crockpot for the children

Royal Icing: Nancy Kyte will supply icing for the cookies

Crafts: Charlene Watt will make crafts with the children in the front room

3. *Potluck Luncheon:*

We will meet at the Farm House at 11:30 am on Sunday, December 10, before the Cookies with Mrs. Claus event for our Christmas get together. Members that are interested in attending are to contact Charlene Watt and respond with their menu contribution:

Lisa Morrison will bring sandwiches

Nieves Guijarro will bring a quinoa salad

Charlene Watt will bring cheese and crackers and a fruit tray

Betty Caldwell will bring a vegetable tray

Rosalind Hall will bring meatballs

Diane Brandt will bring cookies

4. *Farm House Decorating:*

Diane Brandt, Lisa Morrison and Nieves Guijarro will decorate the Farm House on November 30, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

Diane will advise Charlene of cookie decorating items that need to be purchased from the Bulk Barn after she assesses our baking inventory.

- 5. Santa Claus Parade:** Members decided to not participate in the Santa Claus Parade this year. It is an evening parade on December 2, 2017. The library will not be registering a float as the library is currently closed for renovations. We usually share a float with the library. Members expressed concern as there is a lack of information about the Parade this year. It appears that the event



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promotion is through social media and not posters throughout town. The parade is not listed in the newspaper's community events.

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 booked the Ontario's Sporting Past Display with Archives of Ontario. We will have the display for the month of July 2018. The Historical Society will promote the event with a sports theme. Horse drawn wagon rides will not be rented for 2018. Sports to be endorsed include basketball, volleyball, baseball, golfing, hockey, figure skating, curling, etc. Ideas of ballpark hotdogs, popcorn, and sports themed foods being sold at a discounted/historical price were mentioned. Diane Brandt will contact Mitch at the Burk's Falls Arena to obtain copies of sports team pictures. Other suggestions included a rock climbing wall, Hockey Opportunity Camp/Winning Techniques Camp participation and games of street hockey.

Other Business:

The December 2017 meeting will be cancelled. We will have a potluck luncheon at the Watt Farm House on December 10, 2017 at 11:30 am instead.

Adjournment:

It was decided to meet on Monday, January 15, 2018 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business, **Lisa Morrision moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, Acting Chair