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MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Monday, January 15, 2018

Members Present: Diane Brandt – Acting Chair
Nieves Guijarro – Vice President
Charlene Watt - Secretary
Betty Caldwell
Lorne Main
Lisa Morrison
Jarv Osborne
Judy Ransome
Susan Hamel
Guest: Twila Armstrong

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m.

Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members and Guest, Twila Armstrong

Delegation:

Twila Armstrong from the Almaguin News presented to Members an opportunity to create an event involving a walking tour of historic buildings within the Village of Burk's Falls in collaboration with the Arts Council and the Horticultural Society. There are many historical sites in the community including homeowners, businesses and churches. Twila suggested the event occur in the summer of 2019. Plans included that selected sites play music, display art and gardens, etc. An escorted tour with a guide via horse and buggy/wagon or walking was another consideration. Putting plaques at the historical sites detailing their historical significance was another suggestion. Twila summarized by stating that she would be willing to assist in organizing the event and in approaching



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historical building owners to encourage participation. This 2019 Summer Event Plan could coincide with the Burk's Falls downtown revitalization plan.

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the November 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes as circulated:
Moved by Lisa Morrison, Seconded by Lorne Main. Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report was presented by Diane Brandt. The bank balance effective January 15, 2018 was \$6,788.74. **Motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices was moved by Lisa Morrison, Seconded by Jarv Osborne. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Lorne Main advised that the Historical Society had 26 paid Memberships for 2017. Three 2018 membership renewals were paid at the meeting: Jarv, Lorne and Nieves.

Archiving: Diane Brandt advised members that she is still scanning pictures and books. Cataloguing is in the works.

General Business:

1. *Correspondence:*
Betty Caldwell responded to an email inquiry on the William Peck family. As a result of Betty's research, the family was connected and were extremely appreciative.
2. *Heritage Day – July 14, 2018:*
Charlene reported that the Township of Armour is in the preliminary stages of booking attractions for the Sports Day themed event. The Historical Society was asked to provide the cake and secure the portable washroom rentals this year. Diane will contact the arena to obtain historical local sports team photographs and she will also contact a trapper. The event theme will include sports teams and leisure sports such as hunting, trapping and fishing.

New Business:

Diane Brandt presented to Members a quote from Cavalcade Colour Lab to restore the 1948 High Park Photo in the amount of \$60.99 plus tax. Jarve believes that the Village of



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Burk's Falls Municipal Office has the same picture in a frame and would not require restoration. He advised that he would investigate and advise Diane.

Diane Brandt advised Members that she spoke to Keith Hall in regards to building a display case with the dimensions of 40"x36"x14". Instead of glass, Keith recommended a lexan case, museum quality, which would prevent sun discoloration and fading. Keith will obtain a quote for the lexan and advise Diane. Our goal is to safely display more and more artifacts every year. Lexan permits light transmission and maintains glass-like clarity. It is coated to protect against UV rays. The sheet is strong and shatter resistant. Suggested commercial applications include security and vandal protection.

Other Business:

The Charitable Return must be filed. Diane obtained quotes ranging from \$300 - \$1,575. Jarv Osborne requested that Diane Brandt contact Dalene MacDonald for a price. There were three receipts issued for donations last year.

Charlene Watt presented to Members a verbal report on the purchase of a popcorn machine. Every year we borrow a popcorn maker from Strong Township for our events. Investing in an antique style machine will add a special touch to our fundraising and community events. It makes sense for the Historical Society to purchase their own popcorn maker. As a visual display, it is sure to evoke memories of early days at the ball games, carnivals, or the movie theater. The popcorn maker that Charlene suggested the Historical Society purchase has a product description:

- 3 control switches and 860 watts, 120 volts, 60Hz, 5.3 amps
- Switches include: spot light warmer, stirrer and pot heater
- Tempered glass (all glass)
- Built-in warmer light
- Reject kernel tray
- Popcorn scoop and oil scoop is included
- Heavy-duty powder-coated steel and stainless steel construction
- Cleans up with water
- Makes roughly 2-3 gallons of popcorn per batch
- Works on standard 110 volt, 860 watts (commercial quality and certified)
- Storage/supplies compartment in base of the unit
- Machine top: 14.4"L x 13.6"W x 22.8"H
- Weight 43 lbs
- Cart not included



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Motion that the Members of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society purchase a Great Northern Popcorn Red Matinee Movie Theater Style 8-Ounce Antique Popcorn Machine in the amount of \$278.96 plus tax from Amazon.ca was moved by Betty Caldwell, Seconded by Jarv Osborne. Carried

Adjournment:

It was decided to meet on Monday, February 19, 2018 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. We are aware that this date is Family Day. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please advise Charlene Watt via email. Nieves and Judy indicated that they will not be in attendance. There being no further business, **Lisa Morrision moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, Acting Chair