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

Members Present: Diane Brandt - President
Jarv Osborne – Treasurer
Charlene Watt - Secretary
Bruce Campbell
Betty Caldwell
Lorne Main
Rosalind Hall
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.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members and introduced our Guest, Jenn Talbot.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the September 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes as circulated:
Moved by Bruce Campbell, Seconded by Rosalind Hall. Carried



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Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Jarv Osborne. Main bank account balance was \$8,023.31 on September 30, 2018. To date in October, there has been \$156.38 in expenses. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Rosalind Hall, Seconded by Betty Caldwell. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Lorne Main advised that the Historical Society is maintaining 17 paid Memberships for 2018. Jenn Talbot submitted a membership application to Lorne at the meeting. Recognition was given to acknowledge the loss of our Member, Wilma Bentley.

Archiving Committee: Diane Brandt reported that she has been sorting through the Burk's Falls files and archiving photographs. Dona Crawford and Betty Caldwell are beginning to go through Wilma Bentley's genealogy research on local families.

Heritage Centres:

Schoolhouse Report: Members discussed closing the heritage site after Labour Day in 2019. Notes have been located in the teacher's desk of family history research that Wilma Bentley had written and will be archived accordingly. Rosalind Hall indicated that she has requested that the site be winterized by Ryerson Township and that the old outhouse will be decommissioned. Rosalind will also address use of the Main Street Revitalization Grant that Ryerson Township obtained to determine if the funds can be used towards the heritage site's building repairs.

Farm House Report: Diane Brandt reported that the Halloween Event will be hosted this weekend. We will close up the farm house for the season next weekend. Three pieces of farm equipment has been offered to us from Mary Heasman in Powassan. The one piece of equipment, a trough was patent in 1855.

General Business:

1. *Correspondence:* Confirmation was received that the Historical Society was approved to receive \$1,545 from the Hodge Grant.
2. *Halloween:* Our Halloween Party will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at the farm house from 1:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m. We will have a haunted house through the kitchen, front porch, living room and dining room. Children will carve pumpkins in the garage and be handed a bag of candy. Trick or Treating will not be planned upstairs in the farm house this year. Cost of admission will



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remain at \$5 per family. Valumart will donate 30 pumpkins to the event for the children to carve; 20 large and 10 small. The haunted house is set up. Diane purchased candy to hand out and Charlene will donate candy, juice boxes and pumpkin carving tools.

3. *Christmas Potluck:* Members circulated a list to detail what menu item they will bring to our holiday potluck on November 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Fell Homes.
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| Charlene Watt | Dinner Rolls and Ham |
| Bruce Campbell | Pasta Salad |
| Diane Brandt | Potato Casserole, Paper Plates |
| Betty Caldwell | Salad |
| Jarv Osborne | Pasta Casserole |
| Rosalind Hall | Meatballs |
| Judy Ransome | Vegetable Tray |
| Jenn Talbot | Dessert |
| Nieves Guijarro | Dessert |
| Lisa Morrison | Vegetable Casserole |

Members will need to bring their own drink and utensils/silverware.

4. *Cookies with Mrs. Claus:* Charlene Watt presented a draft flyer to Members and reported on the last Armour Township's Council meeting. Armour Council has requested that the Historical Society offer the event with a free admission and Armour Council will donate \$200 to the Historical Society. Members agreed and indicated that there would likely be increased participation by the community's families. A rental agreement has been completed and will be dropped off at the arena to host the event during public skating hours on the afternoon of Sunday, December 9, 2018. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Diane Brandt indicated that Nancy Kyte offered to make the royal icing for the cookies. Our volunteer cookie bakers are Bruce Campbell, Jenn Talbot and Judy Ransome. The Historical Society acknowledged the Council of the Township of Armour's generosity and our volunteer's contributions.

New Business:

Diane Brandt advised Members that a Volunteer Recruitment Day will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sundridge Arena and hosted by BACED. Jenn Talbot informed Members that she will be in attendance to promote the Girl Guides and offered to represent the Historical Society as well. Diane Brandt indicated that she would provide membership forms, newsletters, banner, etc. for Jenn. Members thanked Jenn Talbot.



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Members discussed Wilma Bentley's death of October 7, 2018 and agreed that instead of a plaque being posted at the schoolhouse in memory of Wilma Bentley that a large plaque that recognizes the many Members that have passed on be posted. The Historical Society appreciates all of our Members and would like to ensure that if we are to start to acknowledge our past volunteers that we do so in a manner where everyone can be recognized. Diane Brandt will return to our next meeting with suggested plaque wording. The plaque will be posted at the farm house beside our corporate sponsor plaque.

Members discussed a donation in memory of Wilma Bentley and as per the obituary notice, a donation in the amount of \$25 will be issued to the Almaguin Pet Rescue. Members discussed Wilma's fondness of cats and recognized the local organization's efforts.

Other Business:

Lorne Main provided Members with a copy of his first written contribution to the Great North Arrow. The article will go to press in January 2019 and is written on the history of Lieutenant Colonel Vic Fell. Members congratulated Lorne on his first newspaper contribution.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be Monday, November 19, 2018 at the Fell Homes at 6:00 p.m. Potluck will be held at 6:00 p.m. followed by our monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. Lorne will have the doors open at 5:30 p.m. There being no further business, **Jarv Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt - President