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MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Monday, April 17, 2017

Members Present: Linda Maurer - President
Betty Caldwell – Vice President
Diane Brandt
Nieves Guijarro
Lorne Main
Judy Ransome
Rosalind Hall

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 March 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Betty Caldwell, Seconded by Diane Brandt. Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Linda Maurer. The bank balance on March 1, 2017 was \$5,634.70.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report and year end financial report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Rosalind Hall, Seconded by Lorne Main. Carried



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Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Lorne Main volunteered to record a membership list. A discussion followed on how to create a membership card that includes the member's first year of enrollment and to highlight our founding year of 1994. **Motion to include a student fee in the membership application at a rate of \$7.00 was presented: Moved by Rosalind Hall, Seconded by Lorne Main. Carried**

General Business:

1. *Elections:* Elections remain open for the nominations and acceptance for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Membership Committee.
2. *M.A. Wittick Junior Public School Closure:* Members will set up the historical display at M.A. Wittick School on May 5th for the May 6th final celebration. Members will take turns throughout the day (11:00 am – 4:00 p.m.) to be present at the Historical Society booth.
3. *Picnic Table:* Brad Crozier confirmed with Linda Maurer that he would paint a picnic table to help raise funds for the Historical Society. Members will sell raffle tickets throughout the summer and the draw and announcement of a winner will take place at the annual fall fair. 500 tickets will be issued at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket.
4. *2017 Season:* Dates were set to spring clean the heritage sites. Rosalind volunteered to clean up the schoolhouse and is hoping to open the facility by the long weekend in May. The Watt farmhouse will be cleaned on May 13th. Displays will focus on service groups. A display for the legion is being worked on. Members are considering the use of display cases made with plexi-glass tops.
5. *Canada 150:* Members discussed plans for Canada 150. Topics included an update on activities, displays and volunteers.
6. *T-Shirts:* Diane Brandt informed members on the status of the Historical Society t-shirts. More orders were collected. A payment of \$20 will cover the cost of an annual membership and the t-shirt.
7. *Donations:* The Wiseman's Quilting Club donated books of recorded club minutes to the Historical Society. A christening gown was donated by the Strah



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family from Ryerson Township. Methods of preserving and displaying the artifact is being looked into.

Other Business:

Newsletter: The next newsletter will be ready for distribution by May 6th and available at a variety of locations, including the municipal offices.

Adjournment:

It was decided to meet on Monday, May 15, 2017 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business, **Lorne Main moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

Recorded by
Nieves Guijarro

Approved by
Linda Maurer, President