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MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Monday, August 21, 2017

Members Present: Diane Brandt – Acting Chair
Nieves Guijarro – Vice President
Charlene Watt - Secretary
Betty Caldwell
Lorne Main
Wilma Bentley
Rosalind Hall
Lisa Morrison
Jarv Osborne
Mike Quinton
Judy Ransome

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 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 July 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Lisa Morrison, Seconded by Betty Caldwell. Carried**



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Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Charlene Watt. Main bank account balance was \$10,174.60 on July 31, 2017. Deposits in August to date total \$676.00. Expenses in August to date total \$1,578.76. Main bank account balance is \$9,271.84 as of August 21, 2017. Lotto account balance to date is \$525.00. **Motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Lorne Main. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Lorne Main advised that the Historical Society currently has 26 paid Memberships for 2017. Fall Newsletters will be mailed to out of town members by Lorne.

Heritage Centres:

Schoolhouse Report: Diane Brandt advised that there are misspelled of family names on the tree leaves at the schoolhouse. The family names of Doherty and Bates need to be corrected. Artifacts appear to be missing. Gloria Wilson donated a chair and a rolling pin. There is an ongoing search for the items. Some items have been inventoried twice at the schoolhouse. Diane and Jessica plan to go through the drive shed and organize the historical items. Grounds maintenance was completed by Diane and Jerry Brandt in the drive shed, trees were starting to sprout up. Wilma Bentley advised members that to date there has been 415 visitors this summer, with \$180 (Canadian dollars) in donations and \$5 (American dollars) in donations.

Farm House Report: Diane Brandt advised members that Psychic Day is on Thursday, August 24th. The afternoon session has 18 people booked and the evening session has 25 people booked. Penny Brandt, Medium will provide readings to attendees. Cost is \$15 per person. Refreshments will be served and Circling Hawks has donated two \$15 gift certificates as a door prize for each sitting.

Day Camp has been a summer success. The free program has children learning a lot about early pioneer life. They have made candles, tie dyed t-shirts and planted sunflower seeds. August 23rd is the last day of day camp. Alison McGregor, has donated a watermelon for the day. Charlene presented Diane with a thank you card from Logan Watt, a child that has attended the day camp, thanking Diane and Jessica for offering the entertaining and informative program for 2017.



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General Business:

1. *Correspondence:* Diane advised members that the Almaguin Highland Art Council has offered the Historical Society the opportunity to advertise in the 2018/2019 Directory. Circulation of the booklet is 10,000 copies. The deadline to advertise is September 1st. Cost is \$225 for ½ page. **Motion to purchase half page advertisement in the Almaguin Highland Art Council's Art, Culture and Heritage Directory of 2018/2019: Moved by Mike Quinton, Seconded by Rosalind Hall. Carried**
2. *Fall Fair:* The fall fair is September 4th. Display items for the table at the fair will include the quiz game of artifacts, newsletters, membership forms and an announcement of the picnic table winner. Volunteers for the day: 9 – 11 am: Betty, Lorne & Diane; 11 – 1 pm: Wilma; 1 – 3 pm: Betty & Lorne; 3 – 4 pm: Diane.
3. *Weekend Volunteers at the Farm House:* After August 26th, the Farm House will be open Saturdays from 10 am – 4 pm and Sundays from 11 am to 3 pm until Thanksgiving.

September 9 – Mike	September 10 - ?
September 16 – Lorne	September 17 – Betty
September 23 – Diane	September 24 – Diane
September 30 – Diane	October 1 – Diane
October 7 - ?	October 8 - ?

Mike Quinton advised that we need a volunteer to strip trim and paint walls in one of the bedrooms. Mike may build shelving for the one bedroom. Mike indicated that we need to get artifacts off the floor. Cost would be around \$100 to build the shelving.

4. *Halloween:* A date of October 21, 2017 from 1 – 3 pm and a cost of \$5 per family was agreed by members to hold the second Annual Pumpkin Carving Event at the Farm House. Diane will invite professional pumpkin carvers. We will request donations of pumpkins from local businesses. Charlene will purchase craft supplies. Candies will be handed out again while children trick or treat throughout the house.
5. *Cookies with Mrs. Claus:* A date of December 10, 2017 from 1 – 3 pm and a cost of \$5 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



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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 will purchase craft supplies.

New Business:

Members discussed a donation to Brad Crozier for painting the custom picnic table that the Historical Society is raffling. **Motion to give Brad Crozier \$200 for painting the picnic table for the raffle draw: Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Charlene Watt. Defeated by Members.**

Motion to give Brad Crozier a t-shirt, honorary membership and a thank you card: Moved by Betty Caldwell, Seconded by Mike Quinton. Carried.

Other Business:

Reminder that the retirement dinner for Linda Maurer is on September 18, 2017 at the Legion. Social gathering from 6:00 – 6:30 pm. Roast beef dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$15 per person.

Adjournment:

It was decided to meet on Monday, October 16, 2017 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business, **Lisa Morrison moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, Acting Chair