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MINUTES

Burk's Falls & District Historical Society

Fell Homes, Burk's Falls

Monday, November 19, 2018

Members Present:

- Diane Brandt – President
- Nieves Guijarro – Vice President
- Jarv Osborne – Treasurer
- Charlene Watt - Secretary
- Bruce Campbell
- Betty Caldwell
- Lorne Main
- Rosalind Hall
- Linda Leggett
- Lisa Morrison
- Judy Ransome

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 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 15, 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 \$8,016.17 on October 31, 2018. To date in November, there has been \$563.63 in expenses. Revenue this month includes \$160.15 in bottle returns. Nieves Guijarro donated \$44.69; funds that she received from the Northern Ontario Travel Grant when she escorted Wilma Bentley to her medical appointment in Barrie. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Rosalind Hall, Seconded by Lisa Morrison. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Lorne Main reported 18 paid Memberships for 2018.

Archiving Committee: Diane Brandt reported that she has been sorting through the medical artifacts in preparation for Heritage Day 2019.

Heritage Centres:

Schoolhouse Report: Heritage centre has been winterized for the season.

Farm House Report: Heritage centre is closed for the season. Diane Brandt inspects the farm house weekly and the Armour Township Roads Department is maintaining the snow removal for the driveway and walkway to the oil tank this winter.

General Business:

1. *Correspondence:* OHS Bulletin was received.
2. *Halloween:* Our third annual Halloween Party was a success with almost 90 children in attendance! Visitors tested their bravery, had some fun and got a little spooked in our haunted farm house. Children of all ages trick or treated as they travelled through the house and carved pumpkins beside an antique horse drawn hearse. Members thanked Jason, Diana & Sarah Warriner and Sara and Alyssa Johnson for decorating the house and setting the scenes. Members thanked our sponsor, Collins' Valu-Mart for donating the pumpkins and all of our volunteers for the afternoon. We raised \$240. **Motion to donate half of the Halloween Event's proceeds to the Burk's Falls Food Bank: Moved by Bruce Campbell, Seconded by Lisa Morrison. Carried**
3. *Cookies with Mrs. Claus:* Our Christmas Celebration will be held at the Burk's Falls Arena on Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Members will meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Arena to set up. Volunteers for the day



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include Betty, Judy, Bruce, Nieves, Diane, Rosalind, Charlene and Lisa. Our volunteer cookie bakers are Bruce Campbell, Jenn Talbot and Judy Ransome. The idea of providing a couple of Mrs. Claus cookie recipes to attendees was mentioned. Interested Members that are willing to share their cookie recipe, will email their recipe to Charlene. Diane will purchase sprinkles and cookie decorations. Diane will bring a CD player and Charlene will bring Christmas CDs. Charlene will contact Tim Horton's to see if they are willing to donate hot chocolate.

4. *Member Plaques:* The Township of Armour informed the Historical Society that they will pay for the plaque revision and name plates that will be on display at the Watt Farm House to recognize past dedicated members. To date there are 14 members that will be recognized. **Motion to purchase a plaque for the schoolhouse to display past dedicated members at a cost of \$360 + HST plus \$7.00 + HST per name plate: Moved by Bruce Campbell, Seconded by Rosalind Hall. Carried**

New Business:

Bruce Campbell discussed with Members that a committee from the former staff members of M.A. Wittick Junior Public School has been established and has approached Land of Lakes Public School with a request to name their Auditorium/Theatre after Dr. M.A. Wittick. The committee is approaching local organizations to obtain support resolutions and will present a formal request at an upcoming Near North District School Board meeting. **Motion that the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society supports a local initiative to name the theatre at Land of Lakes Public School, The M.A. Wittick Theatre. With the closure of M.A. Wittick Junior Public School in 2017, we believe it is important to keep a reminder of Dr. Wittick's contributions to Burk's Falls and area as part of the public record. Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Lisa Morrison. Carried**

Diane Brandt advised Members that Dona Crawford has been updating Wilma Bentley's genealogy notes and research on local families into her personal computer software, Roots Magic 7 and when the time comes to transfer the information, the Historical Society will require the same computer program. **Motion to purchase the computer software program, Roots Magic 7 at a cost of \$29.95 + HST. Moved by Rosalind Hall, Seconded by Lisa Morrison. Carried**

Diane Brandt obtained a quote from Keith Hall to build a display case for the Watt Farm House Military Room. The display case measures 32" x 15" x 56" and costs \$1,590.00 + HST. **Motion to purchase the custom display case for the military room as quoted**



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by Keith Hall in the amount of \$1,590.00 + HST. Moved by Rosalind Hall, Seconded by Betty Caldwell. Carried

Diane Brandt advised Members that the mail bag on display at the schoolhouse requires proper preservation. The mailbag is dated August 11, 1928 and is from a steamboat. A quote was received from the Framing Place and Gallery in Huntsville in the amount of \$437.53 + HST. The mailbag would be preserved in an acid free mat board frame measuring 26 3/4" x 29 1/2". **Motion to preserve the historic mailbag and frame the artifact by purchasing an acid free mat board frame as quoted by the Framing Place and Gallery in the amount of \$437.53 + HST. Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Betty Caldwell. Carried**

Other Business:

None

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be Monday, January 21, 2019 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business, **Bruce Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt - President