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MINUTES

Burk's Falls & District Historical Society

Fell Homes, Burk's Falls

Monday, July 15, 2019

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Nieves Guijarro – Vice President
Jarv Osborne - Treasurer
Charlene Watt - Secretary
Betty Caldwell
Linda Leggett
Lorne Main
Delynne Patterson
Judy Ransome
Mike Quinton

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members. Diane welcomed Mike Quinton back for the summer months. Diane introduced Delynne Patterson, Ryerson Township Councillor Representative to Mike. Regrets from Lisa Morrison.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the June 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Delynne Patterson, Seconded by Linda Leggett. Carried**



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Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report was presented by Jarv Osborne. Account balance effective July 15, 2019 was \$7,783.39. Revenue received at the meeting included \$426 in donations and Heritage Day sales. Expenses were submitted at the meeting to the Treasurer for Heritage Day expenses, schoolhouse flowers and miscellaneous. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the monthly invoices was moved by Lorne Main, Seconded by Nieves Guijarro. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Lorne Main advised that the Historical Society has 19 paid Memberships for 2019 and one honorary membership to date. Mike Quinton and his wife renewed their memberships.

General Business:

1. *Correspondence:*
An invitation was received from the Agricultural Society to the Fall Fair. The Historical Society agreed to register a table.
2. *Heritage Day:*
Charlene Watt provided a verbal report updating Members on the success of Heritage Day 2019. Gratitude was expressed to all the volunteers for the day. The Algonquin Regiment has expressed interest in attending next year. Burk's Fall Fire Department won the firefighter challenge for 2019. There are areas for improvement that will be addressed in the 2020 celebration.
3. *Time Capsule:*
Heritage Day acknowledged the 25th Anniversary of the Historical Society on Heritage Day. Items that were enclosed included: letters and contributions from the three heads of council, the principal of Land of Lakes Public School, and Norm Miller – MPP. Objects included are a fidget spinner, expired passports belonging to Jordan, Dylan and Logan Watt, Public Meeting Minutes from our Flood Meeting, Fall Fair Brochure, Movie Flyer, USB Sticks of Photographs, autographed photograph from Kyle Nelson – UFC Fighter, artwork from Kyle Nelson's 4 year old son, and letters from Historical Society Members. The capsule will be opened in 2044.



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4. *Staffing:*

Two mature staff have been hired: Wendy Beaumont and Kendra Kellas. They will be shared between the two heritage sites. Riley Yakabuskie is the student that we hired for the summer. Betty, Diane & Mike will oversee the staffing.

New Business:

1. *Newspapers:*

Mike Quinton reported to Members that he is investigating preservation measures for the extensive newspaper collection. Last year we had approximately 300 issues of historic newspapers. After the Almaguin News Office closed in March 2019, we now have approximately 6,000 issues of newspapers. The Historical Society is in possession of the Powassan newspapers from 1917 – 1966, Burk's Falls Arrow from 1947 – 1966 and the Almaguin News from 1967 – 2017. Mike has reached out to Our Digital World, a non-profit organization. Although there is no charge for their services, there are costs involved. Mike's next step is to consult with the local library, etc., on best practices to preserve the newspapers, he will consider all options and report back to Members.

2. *Psychic Day:*

Psychic Day will be held on July 17 and 18, 2019 with two sittings on each day. As of tonight's meeting, there are 11 spots available out of the 40. Squares have been ordered from Lois Kelsall and Wendy Beaumont offered to provide brownies.

3. *Fall Fair:*

Monday, September 2, 2019 is the Fall Fair in Burk's Falls. The Historical Society will set up a table and display a mystery box. Volunteers for the day will be determined at the next Historical Society Meeting. Volunteers will be needed from around 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

4. *Halloween:*

Members discussed joining in on the Haunted Highlands events with a haunted farm house and pumpkin carving on Sunday, October 20, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Diane will reach out to the Jason and Diana Warriner to determine if they are interested in setting up the haunted display again this year.



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5. *Christmas:*

Members discussed the success of last year's event being held at the Arena after the Lofthouse Christmas Party. Jarv will confirm when Lofthouse plans to host their staff Christmas Party for 2019 and the Historical Society will request to book the Cookies with Mrs. Claus Event on the following day.

Other Business:

1. Diane informed Members that Nieves will Chair the next meeting as she will be absent. Delynne will also be absent.
2. Mike Quinton questioned about purchasing yearbooks that are sometimes posted on the internet for sale. Members informed Mike that the matter was previously discussed and that the Historical Society is interested in increasing our collection of local school yearbooks.

Adjournment:

It was decided to meet on Monday, August 19, 2019 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. **Betty Caldwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President