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MINUTES

Burk's Falls & District Historical Society Fell Homes, Burk's Falls Monday, January 27, 2020

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Nieves Guijarro – Vice President
Jarv Osborne – Treasurer
Charlene Watt - Secretary
Betty Caldwell
Lorne Main

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.
Regrets from Bruce Campbell, Delynne Patterson, Linda Leggett, Lisa Morrison and Judy Ransome.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the November 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes as circulated:
Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Betty Caldwell. Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Jarv Osborne. Main bank account balance was \$4,578.87 on December 31, 2019. The HODG Grant was received in the amount of \$1,545.00. Expenses for December totalled \$188.44 (\$132.00 Cookie event/supplies and \$56.44 Net Spectrum). **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Lorne Main, Seconded by Nieves Guijarro. Carried**



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Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Lorne Main reported 19 paid Memberships for 2019 and 1 paid Membership for 2020. Membership expires in March for 2019 Members.

General Business:

- 1. Correspondence:* Multiple emails have been received from the general public inquiring about family history in the area. Members reviewed the correspondence. Pearl Brock contacted the Historical Society and provided a background history on the building located at 174 Ontario Street in Burk's Falls. Nieves will check with the library records to determine if there is a microfiche available of the local newspaper from 1993-1994 of a Cub Car Rally. Betty requested copies of the obituaries from the inquiry that was asking for information on Albert Wiggins/Wilson. Gord Calder provided a mailing address update. Lorne Main informed Members that Gord Calder is the last remaining relative of Francis Burke.
- 2. Cookies with Mrs. Claus:* Our Christmas Celebration was held at the Burk's Falls Arena on Sunday, December 15, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. It was a cookie filled afternoon that went down in history. This year we had 103 guests come to our event to decorate cookies with Mrs. Claus and visit with Santa. Appreciation was acknowledged to the Village of Burks Falls for providing a venue, the Arena staff and Lofthouse Manufacturing for the special festive setting, Mayor Cathy Still for singing carols, the Township of Armour for their donation, Nancy Kyte for her royal icing, Tim Horton's for the hot chocolate, our volunteers and cookie makers of the day, Santa and Mrs. Claus and Logan Watt for volunteering to be Santa's Elf. We will try to coordinate the event the day after the Lofthouse Christmas Party again next year as the facility was beautifully decorated for the holidays.
- 3. Insurance:* Jarv Osborne informed Members that he is waiting to hear back regarding historical society insurance for Members and office equipment. The matter was deferred to the next meeting.
- 4. Heritage Day:* Heritage Day will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2020. We will maintain the venue location at the Watt Century Farm House and request use of Richard Watt's hay field for 2020. Charlene Watt presented to Members the idea that we focus on the Firefighter Challenge as being an annual attraction to celebrate Heritage Day. It's an opportunity to brand our Heritage Day celebration. We will continue to have attractions, fundraisers, trapper, inflatables and focus on making the Firefighter Challenge our Heritage Day celebration. Members reviewed the Archives of Ontario Travelling Exhibit list and directed Charlene to obtain the Ontario Movie Theatres



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exhibit. The Watt Farm House will display the exhibit for the month of July. Members were interested in hosting a free movie night at the Burk's Falls Theatre. Jarv Osborne made a suggestion of showing an older movie, Diane Brandt suggested a classic Disney movie. Charlene Watt suggested we offer a choice of 5 or 6 movies on social media and allow people to vote. Members are encouraged to bring a few movie ideas to the next meeting.

New Business:

Almaguin Chamber of Commerce: Diane Brandt informed Members that she received notice that our Membership had been renewed.

Shelving: Diane Brandt advised Members that she would like to purchase a couple shelves from Costco for the Watt Farm House. The shelving has been in the budget for two years and would be used for storage, not display. The cost for a four shelf unit is \$150.00 and each shelf holds 800 pounds. Dimensions of each unit is 48" x 24" x 72".

Motion to authorize spending \$300 + HST on shelving units from Costco for the Watt Century Farm House. Moved by Betty Caldwell, Seconded by Jarv Osborne. Carried

Jersey Donation: Jarv Osborne presented to Members a donation from Brenda Nixon of a Thompson Heyland Splinter Kings jersey to add to our historic sporting collection. Members thanked Brenda Nixon for her donation.

Other Business:

None

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be Monday, February 17, 2020 (Family Day) at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business, **Jarv Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President