

Minutes of the Byron Historical Meeting
January 15, 2024

Please note: These minutes are not yet approved and are subject to change.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Maureen Betz. Board members in attendance: Maureen Betz, Gloria Sampson, and Linda Vollmer. Absent: Jackie Hansen and Nancy More.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Linda Vollmer. Seconded by Dave Vollmer. Motion carried.

December 18, 2023 Minutes: Motion to approve the December 18, 2023, minutes made by Gloria Sampson. Seconded by Linda Vollmer. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A renewal bill of \$82.00 for the BHS USPS mailbox rental was presented. Motion to approve payment made by Linda Vollmer. Seconded by Dave Vollmer. Motion carried. Receipts presented included a \$25 donation check in appreciation for our 2024 calendar. Financial summary as of January 15 was presented by Treasurer Gloria Sampson as follows: Checking: \$5841.94; CD: \$10554.33; Petty cash: \$94.64; Temporary Calendar Cash Fund: \$40.00; Total: \$16530.91. Income from Dec 19 – Jan 15: Calendars: \$176; Donations: \$1000; Memberships: \$245; Total: \$1421. Expenses: AT&T Internet: 64.20. The temporary calendar cash fund was created to make change for calendar sales. In discussion, it was decided to transfer the temporary calendar cash fund back to the general fund. Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Dave Vollmer. Seconded by Linda Vollmer. Motion carried.

Memberships: Current memberships total 64 (individual, family, business and lifetime).

Monthly Open House and Work Day: Cancelled because of snowstorm.

Calendar Sales: Calendar sales have increased, partly due to the additional open hours at the town hall for real estate tax collection. The calendars can be purchased at the BHS self-service desk in the hall.

Wittman Sign: Cindy Baier Boelk has contacted the EAA Wittman Chapter 252 for assistance in repairing the Wittman sign on the south side of Byron village. The Chapter 252 board members will be addressing this matter.

Brookside Clock: The vintage clock from Brookside School, which was donated to the BHS by the Heller family, has been repaired at no cost by The Clock Doctor (Greg Drake). He will mount the clock for us in the near future. The membership selected a potential location by our exhibit cases to display the clock.

Yellowstone Trail Day: In preparation for this event on June 1, 2024, Linda Vollmer donated approximately 100 vintage postcards featuring sights along the Yellowstone Trail. The collection, from the estate of Linda's family, will be on exhibit for the June 1 event, along with many other artifacts from our collection. For more information about this event, see our November 2023 minutes.

Guest Speakers: Back by popular demand, another Antiques Appraisal Night with Owen and Sam Stoppleworth is scheduled for June 17. We are continuing to add to our speaker/program schedule for 2024 and will update next month.

In Memoriam: We remembered Margaret Kelroy Schmitz, Byron's oldest resident, who passed away shortly after her 107th birthday. Margaret's legacy to the BHS includes many artifacts and stories of Byron life that are part of our collection.

Other agenda items: Mary Leasa recently visited our BHS member Pat Dilling, who is now 97. Pat was a long-time resident of Hamilton.

Our next meeting is February 19, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned by Betz at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Betz, Acting Secretary