

Minutes of the Byron Historical Meeting
March 18, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Maureen Betz. Board members in attendance: Jackie Hansen, Maureen Betz and Gloria Sampson. Absent Nancy More and Linda Vollmer.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Jan Guell. Seconded by Gloria Sampson. Motion carried.

February 19, 2024 Minutes: Motion to approve the February 19, 2024 minutes made by Joyce Kindschuh. Seconded by Mary Costello Mischo. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: No bills turned in. Membership renewals and a donation were reported. Gloria summarized the treasurer's report as follows: Checking: \$6,150.54, CD: \$10,600.96, Petty Cash: \$94.64 for a total of \$16,846.14. Income from Feb 20, 2024 - Mar 18, 2024: Calendars \$164.00 and Donations \$10.00 for a total of \$174.00. Expenses from Feb 20, 2024 - March 18, 2024: AT&T: \$64.20. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jackie Hansen. Seconded by Mary Costello Mischo. Motion carried.

Memberships: Current memberships total 65. This includes 14 Lifetime.

Work Day and Open House: The monthly work day was attended by Linda Vollmer, Nancy More, Gloria Sampson, Jackie Hansen and Maureen Betz. Linda tended to the Steve Wittman sign located across from the Town Hall. Members discussed upcoming events, completed filing of obituaries and other records, and assisted a researcher with Ancestry.com questions.

Calendars: Calendars are available at the following locations: Blueprint Solutions, National Exchange Bank in Brownsville, Guidos, Brothers Antiques, and the Byron Town Hall. Also, by appointment by calling 920-922-5351 and by mail at Byron Historical Society, P.O. Box 466, Byron, WI 53006. Themes for the 2025 calendar were mentioned. One suggestion was to feature family groups e.g., photos of four 4 generations, cousins, etc. Members also suggested a 4-H theme to include photographs and stories of Byron's 4-H clubs past and present. We will discuss this at next month's meeting.

Wittman Sign: The EAA Wittman Chapter has communicated with Cindy Baier Boelk on the repair of the Wittman sign at the south end of Byron village. They are addressing the matter.

Newsletter: The Byron newsletter is expected to be mailed out sometime in April. BHS pays for half of the expense of printing this letter.

Elections: Nominations are being accepted for three open positions on the BHS board. Gloria Sampson and Linda Vollmer have agreed to run again. We are seeking a candidate to fill a third position which was previously held by the late Marlin Towne.

Guest Speakers and Events: At next month's meeting we will be featuring the Second Annual Jeopardy Contest. The event is open to the public. June 17, 2024 will be Antiques Appraisal Night with Owen and Sam Stoppeworth. With dates to be determined are: Former Town of Byron resident Mark Hefter sharing his experiences during his years in New Guinea and Christopher Lehner presenting a history of The Milwaukee Road railroad in Byron and neighboring communities.

Memorial Day Program: The Town of Byron Memorial Day program is scheduled for May 27 at the Byron Town Hall. The Veterans committee and the BHS co-sponsor the event. Jane Salter Gaffney, a member of the DAR, will be presenting commemorative buttons to Vietnam era veterans who served from 1955-1975.

June 1 - Yellowstone Trail Celebration: The BHS will be partnering with the Theresa and Slinger Historical Societies to promote the section of the Yellowstone Trail running from Slinger through Byron. Car clubs (vintage and modern) will be invited to travel along the route and stop at historic sites along the way, including Yellowstone Trail exhibits at the Town Hall. 9 am to 3 pm.

In Memoriam: Richard Towne was Marlin's cousin and worked in construction. He was a Korean War veteran. Allen Newton lived in the Town of Byron and is buried in St. John's Cemetery. They will both be missed.

Other agenda items: Portable photo exhibits on the main floor of the Town Hall will be removed to accommodate the upcoming election. Photographs will still be available for viewing at both our monthly open house and our monthly meetings.

Next Meeting: This will be April 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm. This is our annual meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00. Motion made by Joyce Kindschuh. Seconded by Jan Guell. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted: Jackie Hansen, Secretary