

Minutes of the Byron Historical Society Meeting  
May 20, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Maureen Betz. Board members present: Owen Stoppleworth, Jackie Hansen, Maureen Betz, Gloria Sampson and Linda Vollmer.  
Absent: Nancy More

**Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Dave Vollmer, seconded by Cheryl Meyer. Motion carried.

**Approval of April 15, 2024 minutes:** Motion to approve the April 15, 2024 minutes was made by Linda Vollmer, seconded by Jan Guell. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** No presentation of bills or receipts. Gloria Sampson summarized the treasurer's report as follows: Checking: \$6,521.05, CD: \$10,647.19 and Petty cash: \$85.04 for a total of \$17,253.28. Income from April 16, 2024 - May 20, 2024: Calendars: \$45.00, Membership: \$425.00, Donations: \$75.00 and Memorial-Jeanne Culver: \$115 for a total of \$660.00. Expenses from April 16, 2024 - May 20, 2024: AT&T: \$64.20, M & M Printing (our half of the town newsletter) \$430.00, Refreshments: \$21.00 for a total of \$515.20. Motion to accept the financial report as presented made by Jackie Hansen, seconded by Owen Stoppleworth. Motion carried.

**Calendars:** The theme for the 2025 calendar will be 4-H Clubs and the theme for the 2026 calendar will be Family Generations photos & stories. We encourage everyone to look through old photos and write a story and submit them to the historical society.

**Wittman sign:** The Steve Wittman sign on the south side of Byron village is in need of repair. The EAA Wittman Chapter has discussed this and will address the issue again at their next meeting.

**Guest speakers and events:**

May 27 - Memorial Day Program: Byron Town Hall from 8 am to 11 am. The outdoor program begins at 9:30 with keynote speaker, Eleanor Rhodes. The BHS will host the open house and provide refreshments and encourage BHS members to help.

June 1 - We will partner with the Theresa, Slinger and Lomira Historical Societies to promote the section of the Yellowstone Trail running from Slinger through Byron. Trail guides will be available for all the routes. The BHS will have Yellowstone Trail displays in the Town Hall. We will provide light refreshments. Jan will let Guido know as we will send people to Guido's for lunch, etc. Maureen has sent out a press release. Jan will bring his high rise bicycle. This will last from 9 am to 3 pm.

June 17 - Antiques Appraisal Night with Owen and Sam Stoppleworth.

Sept 16 - Christopher Lehner presenting a history of The Milwaukee Road railroad in Byron and neighboring communities.

**In memoriam:** Ron Engel: Ron lived in the stone house located on the northeast corner of 175 and Lost Arrow Road. Ron was an active member of the Byron community and was named Citizen of the Year.

Tom Ferguson: Tom was Francis Ferguson's son.

Phil Majerus: Linda Vollmer and Cheryl Meyer shared some stories about Phil. They will be missed.

**Next meeting** - June 17, 2024.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00. Motion for adjournment was made by Jan Guell, seconded by Dave Vollmer. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Jackie Hansen, Secretary