

Minutes of the Byron Historical Society Meeting
July 15, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by President Maureen Betz. Board members present: Linda Vollmer, Maureen Betz and Jackie Hansen. Absent: Nancy More, Gloria Sampson and Owen Stoppeworth.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jackie Hansen, seconded by Jan Guell. Motion carried.

Approval of June 17, 2024 Minutes: Motion to approve the June 17, 2024 minutes was made by Joyce Kindschuh, seconded by Linda Vollmer. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: No receipts or bills were presented. In Gloria's absence Maureen summarized the treasurer's report as follows: Checking:\$6,079.08, CD \$10,647.19 and Petty Cash: \$85.04 for a total of \$16,811.31. Income from June 18-July 15: Calendars:\$12.00, Membership:\$25.00, Donations:\$30.00 and Misc:\$15.00 for a total of \$82.00. Expenses from June18-July 15: AT&T:\$355.16 internet, Honorarium:\$50.00 guest speaker, Silica \$279.99 dehumidifier, Refreshments \$20.34 refreshments, Staples \$85.48 supplies, Vintage Aerial \$79.20 digital photo for a total of \$870.37. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Tom Kelroy, seconded by Joyce Kindschuh. Motion carried. Tom Kelroy reported that the Veteran's Memorial committee would be picking up the cost of the plants for the Memorial garden. Thank you to them!

Correspondence: There will be a book signing on July 27 at the Stayer Center at Marian University for *South Eden and 17*, a history of the people of South Eden written by Karl McCarty and Bill Reilly. Check out Sheila Loehr's Facebook post for more details. Cost of the book is \$50. BHS received a thank you from Jane Salter Gaffney thanking us for our Memorial Day program. We also received a thank you and donation from Karen Bernhard for "Antiques Appraisal Night".

Jeanne Culver Memorial: The group decided to use funds from this memorial for the completion of a book on Camp Byron. The book was written by Jeanne's mother, Ethel Bird. Motion to approve this was made by Linda Vollmer, seconded by Jan Guell. Motion carried.

Internet Service: The town board will be upgrading internet service to the town hall. The BHS, which provided the service in the past, will be using the new service to be paid for by the town.

Calendars: The theme of our 2025 calendar is 4-H Clubs past and present. We urge people to look through their 4-H books and photos for inclusion in our calendar. The deadline is Sept 30, 2024. While looking for these photos also look for Family Generation photos which will be our calendar for 2026.

Vintage Aerial photo of Town Hall in 1977: The 1977 aerial photo of the town hall which the BHS purchased was on display at the meeting. We received a 20% discount on the purchase.

Dehumidifier: A new dehumidifier was purchased.

Guest Speakers and Events: Sept. 16 - Christopher Lehner will be presenting a history of the Milwaukee Road railroad in Byron and neighboring communities.

In Memoriam: Shirley Retzlaff Ferguson, a Town of Byron native and wife of the late John Ferguson, was remembered. She was 89. She will be missed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be August 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment was made by Tom Kelroy, seconded by Joyce Kindschuh. Motion carried.

After the meeting we enjoyed a presentation by Eleanor Rhodes who competed in this year's Wisconsin American Legion Oratorical contest. Eleanor delivered her award-winning speech and shared her experiences in participating in the event.

Submitted By:
Jackie Hansen, Secretary