

Minutes of the Byron Historical Society Meeting
June 17, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 Joyce Kindschuh, seconded by Cheryl Meyer. Motion carried.

Approval of May, 20, 2024 minutes: Motion to approve the May 20, 2024 minutes was made by Dave Vollmer, seconded by Linda Vollmer. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Linda Vollmer presented a bill for refreshments. Not receipts turned in. Gloria Sampson summarized the treasurer's report as follows: Checking: \$6,867.25, CD:\$10,647.19 and Petty Cash: \$85.04 for a total of \$17,599.48. Income from May 21, 2024 - June 17, 2024: Calendars: 12.00, Membership: \$35.00, Donations: \$35.00 and Memorial Jeanne Culver: \$335.00 for a total of \$417.00. Expenses from May 21, 2024 - June 17, 2024: Yellowstone Trail Exhibit: \$26.80 (BHCE), Yellowstone Trail Exhibit: \$22.00 (BHCE) and Yellowstone Trail Exhibit: \$22.00 (BHCE) for a total of \$70.80. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jackie Hansen, seconded by Riley Menzer. Motion carried.

Internet service: The internet service to the town hall has been paid by the BHS since its installation. Now that fiber optic service is available through Bug Tussel, the Town of Byron is making arrangements for that service to be installed in the building and the town will cover the installation and monthly costs.

Review of Memorial Day: People enjoyed our speaker and the program was very well received. There were many photos taken.

Review of Yellowstone Trail Day: There was a steady stream of people who attended the BHS open house and it was very well received despite the rainy weather. Theresa Historical Society is interested in repeating the event in 2025 and the BHS is on board as long as the event is not scheduled in the same week as our Memorial Day program.

Calendars: Calendars are still available at our various locations. The theme for 2025 will be 4-H Clubs and the 2026 theme will be Family generation photos.

Wittman sign: We do not have an update on the sign.

Vintage Aerial photo of Town Hall in 1977: Vintage Aerial has a good photo of the Town Hall in 1977. We would like to purchase a print in the amount of \$99.00. Jan Guell made a motion to

purchase a print, seconded by Dave Vollmer. Motion carried. Maureen will check into this purchase and also whether we may be eligible for a discount.

Dehumidifier: Our 2018 Frigidaire dehumidifier is not working. If it cannot be fixed, we will purchase a new one since it is important to control the humidity level in the BHS archives.

Guest speakers and events: July 15 - Eleanor Rhodes (tentative).

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

In Memoriam: We remembered Faith Luedtke Beck who had strong ties to Byron. Her husband was from the Byron area. She was active in Ebenezer Church. Bob Simon shared with us that South Byron's Paul Sukowatey died from injuries in a motorcycle crash with a deer. He was only 56. He was the son of long-time South Byron residents Ed and Rosemary Sukowatey. They will both be missed.

Next Meeting: July 15, 2024.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment at 7:25 was made by Jan Guell, seconded by Joyce Kindschuh. Motion carried.

After our meeting we enjoyed Antiques Appraisal Night with Owen Stoppeworth. Thank you Owen for the great job.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Jackie Hansen, Secretary