

Minutes of the Byron Historical Society Meeting  
 November 18, 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, Maureen Betz, Gloria Sampson and Linda Vollmer. Absent: Jackie Hansen and Nancy More.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Bird, seconded by Joyce Kindschuh. Motion carried.

**Approval of October 21, 2024 Minutes:** Motion to approve the October minutes was made by Linda Vollmer, seconded by Jan Guell. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** No bills were presented. Receipts collected from calendar sales prior to the start of the meeting will be included in next month's treasurer's report. Gloria presented the treasurer's report as follows:

Financial Report November 2024			
<b>Account Balances as of Nov 18, 2024</b>			
Checking	\$5,954.45		
CD	\$10,764.19		
Petty Cash	\$75.04		
Calendar Cash Fund	\$40.00		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$16,833.68</b>		
<b>Checking Account Breakdown:</b>			
General Fund:	\$2,495.90		
Flower Fund	\$80.38		
BHCE Fund:	\$1,758.17		
Pahnke/Welnitz Memorial	\$200.00		
Jeanne Culver Memorial	\$690.00		
Ed Kelroy Memorial	\$200.00		
Erv Kraft Memorial	\$530.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,954.45</b>		
<b>Income from Oct 22, 2024 - Nov 18, 2024</b>			
Calendars:	\$541.00		
Memberships:	\$45.00		
Donations:	\$120.00		
Pahnke Memorial:	\$200.00		
Calendar Ads:	\$100.00		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,006.00</b>		
<b>Expenses from Oct 22, 2024 - Nov 18, 2024</b>			
Blueprint Solutions	\$85.20	Exhibit Posters BHCE Fund	
Pick N Save	\$32.44	Refreshments	
Blueprint Solutions:	\$17.23	Exhibit Posters BHCE Fund	
USPS	\$73.00	Postage	
Copies of Calendars for proofing	\$10.00	Calendar Expense	
Print-Right	\$1,397.25	Printing Calendar	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,615.12</b>		

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Joyce Kindschuh, seconded by Mike Bird. Motion carried.

**Calendar/Open House Update:** Maureen summarized our November 9 Open House and Calendar sale which included a Veterans Day Remembrance conducted by members of the American Legion Post #347 of Lomira and VFW Post 8092 of Oakfield. In addition, the winner of the BHS Veterans Day Essay Contest was announced. Kincade Todl, a junior at Lomira High School was chosen for his essay on the topic of *A U.S Military Veteran Who Has Inspired Me*. Since Kincade was not able to attend the event, his winning essay was read by Jim Kelroy. Jim is the son of World War II veteran Ed Kelroy. The contest was sponsored by the Byron Historical Society through the Ed Kelroy Memorial Fund.

**2026 Calendar Theme - Family Generation photos:** Please begin looking for photos (formal portraits, family gatherings, etc.) that include generations of your family and send them and a caption to the Byron Historical Society at [byronhistorical@att.net](mailto:byronhistorical@att.net).

**Wittman Sign:** Owen Stoppleworth reported that he has reached out to Oakfield High School about our sponsoring a design contest for graphic arts students at Oakfield High School to create a design for the Steve Wittman signs. In addition, he has consulted with Pappenheim Signcrafters. Maureen reported that the Byron Town Board will assist in installing the signs.

**In Memoriam:** We remembered Patricia St. Mary and Elizabeth Ernest. Patricia and her husband owned and operated Saint Wire and Cable, Inc. Elizabeth (Betty) Ernest was a member of Sons of Zebedee Catholic Church and she spent her final days with her daughter in South Byron.

**Other Agenda Items:** Linda Vollmer suggested we pursue more opportunities to engage young people in local history. We will discuss this further at our December meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be December 16, 2024.

**Adjournment:** Mike Bird made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Owen Stoppleworth. Motion carried.

**Guest Speaker:** Karl McCarty presented to a packed house a program on *South Eden and 17*, his recently published book which is a historical account of family matriarch Katherine Baumhardt Reilly and her children, friends and neighbors in the South Eden community. Karl also shared an update on his future research projects.

Submitted By;  
Maureen Betz, Acting Secretary