

Minutes of the Byron Historical Society Meeting of February 16, 2026

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

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Maureen Betz. Board members present were Byron Pegram, Owen Stopplesworth, Maureen Betz, Gloria Sampson and Linda Vollmer. Absent: Jackie Hansen. In Jackie's absence, Maureen served as acting secretary.

Agenda: After review of the agenda, a motion was made by Mary Ann Pahnke to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Linda Vollmer. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion to approve the January 19, 2026 minutes was made by Jan Guell and seconded by Gloria Sampson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: There were no bills or receipts presented. The treasurer's report was presented by Gloria as follows:

Financial Report Feb 2026		
Account Balances as of Feb 16, 2026		
Checking	\$12,625.55	
CD	\$11,062.09	
Petty Cash	\$47.04	
Total:	\$23,734.62	
Checking Account Breakdown:		
General Fund:	\$7,328.41	
Flower Fund	\$40.38	
BHCE Fund:	\$1,705.76	
Weinitz Memorial	\$200.00	
Jeanne Culver Memorial	\$336.00	
Ed Kelroy Memorial	\$0.00	
Erv Kraft Memorial	\$530.00	
Jeff Hansen Memorial	\$820.00	
Ruth Bird Scholly Memorial	\$500.00	
Carol Baier Memorial	\$1,125.00	
TOTAL	\$12,625.55	
Income from Jan 20, 2025 - Feb 16, 2026		
Calendars:	\$24.00	
Donations:	\$308.00	
Total:	\$132.00	
Expenses from Jan 20, 2025 - Feb 16, 2026		
Hobby Lobby	\$46.92	BHCE expenses
Blue Print Solutions	\$9.50	BHCE expenses
Staples	89.98	Supplies
Honorarium	\$50.00	Karl McCarty
Total:	\$196.40	

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Owen Stopplesworth and seconded by Mary Ann Pahnke. Motion carried.

Town of Byron Newsletter: The annual newsletter will be published in March and will include pages for BHS news. As we have in the past, a motion was made by Jan Guell to pay for one-half of the costs of the newsletter in an amount not to exceed \$500. The BHS cost for the 2024 newsletter was \$430. Motion seconded by Armond Pahnke. Motion carried.

Town of Byron Website: The Town of Byron website is currently under construction and BHS minutes are not available at this time. If anyone would like a copy of the minutes, please email us or call 920-922-5351.

BHS Membership Drive: Membership renewal information will be included in the town newsletter. We currently have 68 members.

Yellowstone Trail Day, BHS 20th Anniversary and US 250th Birthday – June 6 – The annual Yellowstone Trail Day commemorates the route through Byron on Highway 175. The BHS will also be marking its 20th anniversary, and the nation will be celebrating its 250th birthday. In light of these milestones, the group discussed combining these events into one day of celebration on June 6, 2026 from 9 am to 3 pm. Stay tuned for more information.

Annual Meeting and Byron Jeopardy – Our annual meeting will be held on April 20. We will once again be hosting a Byron Jeopardy competition. In addition an election will be held for three board members. The seats are currently held by Gloria Sampson, Owen Stoppleworth, and Linda Vollmer.

Camp Byron Book: We are at work on compiling the history of Camp Byron in preparation for a book to be published in 2027. We are seeking individuals to conduct interviews with those who have Camp Byron memories to share. Volunteers can contact us by email or by calling 920-922-5351.

In Memoriam: We remembered Joan Kelley who passed away in December. Joan, daughter of Robert and Dorothy Kelley of Church Road, lived in Eugene OR and was involved in historic preservation.

Other Agenda Items: To mark Valentine's Day, *InSpire Magazine*, published in Beaver Dam, featured "How We Met" stories of Linda Sampson Vollmer and her husband, Dave, and Evelyn McLean Cowan and her husband, Mike. The publication is available for viewing on line.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2026

As there were no other agenda items presented a motion to adjourn was made by Jan Guell and seconded by Mary Ann Pahnke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Betz (acting secretary)