

Byron Historical Society Minutes as of July 17, 2023. These minutes are not yet approved and are subject to change.

The July 17, 2023 meeting of the Byron Historical Society was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Maureen Betz. Board members present were: Linda Vollmer, Marlin Towne, Jackie Hansen, Maureen Betz, Gloria Sampson and Nancy More.

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Nancy More, second by Jan Guell. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Bird, seconded by Joyce Kindschuh to accept the June 19, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

No bills or receipts were presented. Gloria summarized the financial report. The checking account balance is \$4,590.40, CD \$10,462.13 and Petty Cash \$54.64. There was no income from June 20, 2023 - July 17, 2023. Expenses from June 20, 2023 - July 17, 2023 include: AT&T - \$64.20, Gaylord (Archive boxes) - \$379.14, Refreshments - \$11.76 and Honorarium - \$50.00 for a total of \$505.10. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jackie Hansen, seconded by Marlin Towne. Motion carried.

Memberships: We currently have 57 memberships (individual, family, business, and lifetime).

2024 Calendar: Members shared stories and photo ideas for the calendar. To accompany a photo of the Bird house in South Byron, John Bird shared a story about sliding down a snow bank from his family's airing porch when he was a boy. Maureen took pictures of interesting architecture in the Town of Byron and encouraged us to do the same. Jan has begun to collect ads for the calendar.

Veterans Memorial Garden: Maureen thanked all who are taking care of the Veterans Garden. It is looking very nice.

Erv Kraft Memorial: We are considering a perpetual plaque to honor century/sesquicentennial farms in the Town of Byron. This was a special interest of Erv's. To date, there are 23 century/sesquicentennial farms in the Town of Byron that have received recognition by the Wisconsin State Fair. We may also sponsor a scholarship for an Oakfield High School student pursuing a career in agriculture.

Ed Kelroy Memorial: No decision has been made on this agenda item.

Archive Supplies: We received a 20% discount on our recent purchases. This is because we are members of the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Guest Speakers: August 21 - Antiques Appraisal Night with Owen and Sam Stopplesworth. They are requesting a maximum of two artifacts. Depending on the number of participants only one

may be appraised. Be prepared to share information on your artifact. No restriction on type of artifact.

September 18 - Clarice Marquart Drummond - Restoring a historic farmstead

October 16 - Cindy Baier Boelk - Sharing her published writings

In Memoriam: Marshall McLean, age 89 recently passed. Marshall spent his early years in South Byron. He was an Air Force veteran and highly involved as a volunteer in many organizations. Mike Bird shared memories of Marshall. He will be missed.

Other Agenda Items: At the recent Byron Town Board meeting, a question arose regarding insurance coverage for the BHS personal property at the town hall. Subsequently, an endorsement was added to the town's policy to include the BHS personal property. We thank the township for doing that. Also, at our Saturday open house, our new town supervisor, Aaron Buckarma stopped by to tour our collections. John Bird donated his aunt's hymnal from the South Byron Methodist Church.

The next meeting will be on August 21, 2023.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Bird, seconded by Joyce Kindschuh. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Jackie Hansen, Secretary

After the meeting Maureen shared photos of the many types of architecture in her neighborhood that might be of interest for our 2024 calendar.