

Byron Historical Society Minutes as of December 18, 2023. These minutes are not yet approved and are subject to change.

The December 18, 2023 meeting of the Byron Historical Society was called to order at 7:00 by President Maureen Betz. Board members present: Jackie Hansen, Maureen Betz, Gloria Sampson and Linda Vollmer. Absent was Nancy More.

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Linda Vollmer, seconded by Jan Guell. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Vollmer, seconded by Marianne Geiger to accept the November 20, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: No bills or receipts were presented. Gloria summarized the treasurer's report as follows: The checking account balance \$4,485.14, CD \$10,554.33, Petty Cash \$94.64 and Calendar Cash Fund \$40.00 for a total of \$15,174.11. Income from Nov 21 - Dec 18, 2023. Calendars \$111.00, Donations \$10, Memberships \$220.00 and Calendar cash fund \$40.00 for a total of \$381.00. Expenses from Nov 21 - Dec 18, 2023. AT&T \$64.20, Yellowstone Trail Membership \$25.00 and USPS \$2.55 for a total of \$91.75. Motion to accept the financial report was made by Jackie Hansen, seconded by Linda Vollmer. Motion carried.

Memberships: One lifetime membership was recently purchased. We currently have 64 memberships.

Work Day and Open House: Gloria and Maureen worked on Saturday. Five calendars were sold along with one lifetime membership.

Calendar Sales: The Town Hall has been open for tax collection, so people have been purchasing calendars at our self-service desk.

Wittman Sign: Cindy Baier-Boelk has contacted the EAA Wittman Chapter regarding the Wittman Sign which needs repair. She will update us after she hears from the organization.

Brookside Clock: The Seth Thomas wall clock from Brookside School is currently being evaluated for repairs at the Clock Doctor in Mayville. The BHS previously approved having the clock repaired so it is in working condition.

Yellowstone Trail Day - June 1, 2024: The Dairyland Tin Lizzie's will be traveling through the Byron area on June 1st to commemorate the Yellowstone Trail. We are making plans to host the event. Linda Vollmer has a Yellowstone Trail album which she is donating and it will be on display on June 1st. Linda will set up the Yellowstone Trail display and take it down when it is over. We will promote yellow stones for display along Hwy 175. Additional display artifacts are a banner from our Yellowstone Trail Parade in 2015 and a giant cutout of the State of Wisconsin showing the Yellowstone Trail route through Byron. Slinger, Theresa and Byron Historical Societies will be participating. We

Guest Speakers: We are preparing a list of guest speakers for our 2024 meetings.

In Memoriam: Terry Lerch-Terry's young years were spent in the Town of Byron. Terry worked at the Pentagon and had been there on 9/11.

Dorothy Zitlow - Dorothy lived on Kelly Road and was a teacher in the Oakfield and surrounding area.

Lyle Hundertmark & Dennis Hundertmark - They were father and son and grew up in the Town of Byron. Lyle and his family had a love of farming.

Marlin Towne - Marlin was on the board of BHS. Rosalie shared stories about Marlin and Maureen shared parts of Marlin's eulogy. They will all be missed very much.

Other Agenda Items: Marlin's term would have been up in April. We will follow the bylaws regarding filling the board seat left vacant by Marlin's passing. Linda Vollmer had reading material for anyone to take home and read.

Next Meeting will be January 15, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned and then Maureen read a story Marlin wrote on "The Birth of North Byron." She also showed pictures of Marlin.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Jackie Hansen, Secretary