

Minutes of the Byron Historical Society Meeting

August 18, 2025

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: Maureen Betz, Gloria Sampson, Linda Vollmer, Owen Stoppleworth, Byron Pegram and Jackie Hansen.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Joyce Kindschuh, seconded by Jan Guell. Motion carried.

Approval of the July 21, 2025 Minutes: Motion to approve the July 21, 2025 minutes was made by Cheryl Meyer, seconded by Bill Behm. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: No bills or receipts were presented. Gloria summarized the financial report as follows:

Financial Report Aug 2025		
Account Balances as of Aug 18, 2025		Checking Account Breakdown:
Checking	\$10,631.11	General Fund: \$6,854.56
CD	\$10,941.13	Flower Fund \$80.38
Petty Cash	\$67.17	BWCE Fund: \$1,730.17
		Wellnitz Memorial \$200.00
		Jeanne Culver Memorial \$336.00
		Ed Kelroy Memorial \$100.00
		Erv Kraft Memorial \$530.00
		Jeff Hanson Memorial \$800.00
Total:	\$21,639.41	TOTAL \$10,631.11
Income from Jul 22, 2025 - Aug 18, 2025		
Calendars:	\$0.00	
Membership:	\$55.00	
Donation	\$5.00	
Total:	\$60.00	
Expenses from July 22, 2025 - Aug 18, 2025		
		\$0.00
Total:	\$0.00	

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Armond Pahnke, seconded by Paula Brath. Motion carried.

Expenditures: Maureen requested that we invest in a black and white laser printer at a cost of approximately \$180.00 plus \$93.00 for toner. This would reduce the use of our current color printer which requires more expensive ink cartridges. In addition, one of the Yellowstone Trail signs needs replacing and it was recommended we purchase two new ones at a cost of \$30/each plus shipping. Members approved the purchases.

Calendars: We still have 2025 calendars for sale. The deadline for the 2026 calendar pictures is September 30th. Please look for pictures and get them to the historical society.

Memberships - We currently have 65 members.

Camp Byron Book: Bill Behm and Byron Pegram visited the Methodist Church archives in Sun Prairie to gather information for the Camp Byron book. Both found documents that will be helpful as we prepare for our Camp Byron book.

In Memoriam: Ruth Bird Scholly, youngest child of Bennett and Ethel Bird, passed away at age 89. She was living in Illinois, but never forgot her Byron roots and her interest in Camp Byron. Les Hemauer also lived in the Town of Byron for some time. He was a teacher in the Lomira School District. Both will be missed.

Other Agenda Items: Linda had publications which people could take and read and not return. Marian Blakely announced that the Fond du Lac County Genealogical Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary at 6:00 pm, on September 8th in the Community Room, located on the Lower Level of the Fond du Lac Public Library. Karl McCarty will be the speaker. Refreshments will be served.

Future Events: October 20 - Antiques Appraisal Night with Owen Stoppleworth, 7 pm at the Byron Town Hall.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be September 15, 2025.

Adjournment: Linda Vollmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jan Guell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Submitted By:
Jackie Hansen, Secretary

After the meeting we all enjoyed a program given by genealogist Mary Leb.