

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2024 AT THE WHITEWATER MUNICIPAL OFFICE AT 13:20 HOURS

Present: Janis Tomkinson, President; Daryl McLaughlin, Vice-President; Debbie MacDonald, Treasurer; Sandra Buttle, Recording Secretary; Heather Campbell; Judith Humphries, Evelyn St. Amour; Stephanie Plebon; Mark Bell; Amber Finan; Joanne Pratt; Terri Saunders; Sandra Groves; Lawrie Barton

1. WELCOME

President, Janis Tomkinson, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Judith Humphries,
And seconded by Evelyn St. Amour,

That the minutes of the meeting held on November 30, 2023 be adopted. – Carried.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of resignation was received from Lawrie Barton resigning her position as Curator of Ross Museum. Lawrie is a Charter Member and she took on the role of Volunteer Curator for Ross Museum several years ago. Lawrie has a love of the history of Whitewater Region and an appreciation of artifacts that tell the stories of our rich history, which motivated her in her role as Curator. Although Lawrie has stepped down as the Curator she will continue to as a member and will offer her expert advice when needed. Thank you Lawrie for your many years as a Volunteer and being a Volunteer Curator.

4. COMMITTEES

- Property Management – we are hoping Doug Severin will continue as the volunteer handyman. We would like to add a few more handymen that we can call on to change light bulbs, etc.
- Museum Committee – Amber Finan volunteered to be a part-time Curator and Judith Humphries and Debbie MacDonald volunteered to assist. As well Lawrie Barton is available to advice.
- Membership Committee – Evelyn St. Amour has chaired this committee. We need to retrieve membership forms to see where members indicated their interests. We need to be more specific on the form i.e. repairing garments, gardening, etc. We need to have a plan with regards to paid vs. unpaid members, etc. ***BF February meeting***
- Phone Call Committee – Lawrie Barton volunteered to call members who do not have electronic devices to advise them of meetings and events.
- Archivist – Fay Bennett will continue in this role part time for another year. Terri Saunders volunteered to work with Fay to learn her role and then Terri will take on the role as Chair. Debbie MacDonald has also volunteered her assistance.
- Garden Committee – Joanne Pratt will continue as Chair but needs volunteers to help. Judith Humphries will continue to assist Joanne.

5. 2024 EVENTS

Discussions on events to look at for 2024 included:

- Artist show
- Host writers show with authors reading their stories
- Bromley Historical Society hosts speakers i.e. Loretta Rice did a slide presentation and history of Douglas
- Grace Stephens on the history of Beachburg
- Fay Bennett on her WWI book
- Dave Alexander did a slide presentation years ago. Check with Fay Bennett as she may have it
- Many family histories are posted on the Historic Westmeath Township website "HWTproject.ca". We must try to keep our presentations on local histories/stories within the Whitewater Region.
- Could offer presentations to local schools on local history; check the curriculum of study for the class to keep in relation to what they are learning about; could offer the opportunity for the school to bring the children to the museum
- Marc Audit has new songs

Everyone is to bring their ideas for events to the February meeting.

6. NEW WEBSITE

If anyone has any comments, corrections for the website, please let us know.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

St. Aidan's Church needs an outside light fixture installed as the bare wires are hanging and the Ross House porch light does not work and is corroded. Once new light fixtures are purchased, we are to advise Mark Bell and he will check with the Township Office on the process to have these light fixtures fixed/installed.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 13:00 hours.

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Lawie Barton,

That the meeting adjourn.

Time of adjournment: 13:55 hours.