

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY HELD ON MAY 30, 2024 AT THE WHITEWATER MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMMUNITY ROOM AT 1:00 P.M.

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Present: Janis Tomkinson President; Debbie MacDonald, Treasurer; Sandra Buttle, Recording Secretary; Evelyn St. Amour; Amber Finan; Gay Tushingham; Joanne Pratt; Lawrie Barton

## 1. WELCOME

President, Janis Tomkinson, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the April 25, 2024 meeting were reviewed. It was asked that the times be in standard time.

It was moved by Ev St. Amour

And seconded by Debbie MacDonald

That the minutes be adopted. – Carried.

## 3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Debbie MacDonald presented the Treasurer's report with a bank balance of \$16,273.94 for May 2024.

It was moved by Ev St. Amour,

And seconded by Judith Humphries,

That the report of the Treasurer be accepted. – Carried.

## 4. EVENTS FOR 2024

- **Plant Sale** is scheduled for June 15, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Sandy will put on Heritage Radio. Debbie shared the Plant Sale poster on Next Store app and Facebook. Available to work that day are Student, Judith, Lawrie, Joanne, Sandy
- **Artists in the Garden** – there will be no fees charged this year; it was noted that most of the artists have memberships
- **Volunteer Fair at Ag Hall, Cobden, June 15th** - Ev, Debbie and Janis will be selling memberships; Student, Samantha Hyatt, is working on handouts; will put up museum banner. Amber donated Fox Float for a draw
- **Museum officially opening June 5<sup>th</sup>**. We will celebrate the Museum opening on Saturday, June 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. with a Strawberry Social Open House. We will plan for 75 people. Will put out the donation jar. Will ask everyone to bring their lawn chair.
  - ✓ Poster creation with strawberries – Samantha Hyatt, Student
  - ✓ Strawberries – Lawrie
  - ✓ Janis volunteered to purchase the food including:
    - Whip Cream
    - Angel food cake
    - Coconut milk for those Lactose Intolerant
    - Orange Pekoe Tea and one Herbal
    - 3-4 Lemonade
    - Serviettes
  - ✓ 2 bags of ice – Sandy
  - ✓ Table cloths – Amber
  - ✓ Put up Tent

- ✓ Invitations to Mayor, Council and staff, Whitewater senior's group, Westmeath seniors group, Cheryl Gallant, John Yakabuski
- ✓ Janis will ask for a key from Julie for the Senior's Centre
- **Canada Day Parade, July 1st** – Daryl will be asked to pull the trailer; Sandy will provide trailer; a sub Committee will meet to plan – Ev, Janis, Debbie, Joanne, Sandy
- **Art Show** – Amber and Lawrie would like to do this again. Will stay with the museum hours (closed Monday and Tuesday); will run July 19th and run to July 31<sup>st</sup> with details up to the organizers;
- **July 13 - Tour de Whitewater Cycling Event**
- **July 21 - Garden Tour with the Foresters Falls Athletic Association**
- **Pioneer Day, Saturday, August 3** – Bake sale also suggested. Dave Fleming suggested as a speaker; will ask student for ideas and planning; Janis will make plans in advance as she will be away. Lawrie and Sandy volunteered to assist.
- **Clark Burger** – Lawrie will contact Clark to see if he could do an evening music show whenever he is available.
- **Jamie Bramburger** – will contact him with a date in the fall

#### **5. OTHER BUSINESS UPDATES**

- **License for Quilt Raffle tickets** – Janis submitted an extensive package to the township and no response received to-date.
- **Barn Quilts** are up. It was suggested that the 2 barn quilts on the end of the Ross House be put on the drive shed. It was noted that the artists were all present when they were hung.
  - It was moved by Joanne Pratt and seconded by Lawrie Barton to move the 2 Barn Quilts to the drive shed – Carried.
  - Sandy will arrange to have the Barn Quilts moved.
  - Sandy will provide a write up on the history of Barn Quilts for the student and who painted the Barn Quilts.
  - Do we paint a sign for the Church indicating Quilts on display?
- Please send all posters to Sandy when finalized so she can post on the website.
- It was noted that the Township will print our agendas and posters.
- Two lights in the Exhibit Hall are burned out. Janis will have someone replace them.
- The membership list has been updated. The student contacted everyone to see if they wanted to stay on.

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Stephanie Plebon from the Township office requested a letter of support for the Inclusive Community Grants Program who provide funding for projects to help community planning and development improvements. This grant would allow for 10 new picnic tables for the Whitewater Region. Janis submitted a letter of support. Ross Museum's picnic tables need replacement and Janis put in a request for two picnic tables if successful.
- As a result of the ad that Lawrie placed in the Eganville Leader asking for donations of antique children's toy, she was able to acquire 2 McKenna Dolls.

- **Ontario Historical Society Grant** – Janis is reviewing the application and then it will be sent to the Township to submit.
- **Disaster Recovery and Emergency Planning** – Ev and Janis are working on this as it is due the end of June.
- Barbara Hare contacted Lawrie Barton regarding her great grandfather Augustus Brown of Beachburg. In 1898 Augustus Brown build a new covered bridge spanning the Coulonge River. They would also like to include in this donation information on his grandson, Basil Brown, who received many awards from the Beachburg Fair Board. The Brown descendants have purchased a glass case to display the gold cane awarded to Augustus Brown and have many newspaper articles and photos on Augustus and Basil. It was suggested that we have a special event to honour them and a suggestion was to do it in conjunction with Pioneer Day.  
It was moved by Lawrie Barton and seconded by Amber Finan to accept this display. – Carried.
- **Community Art** - Cristine Andrew Stuckel was Christine Pislser and grew up in Foresters Falls. Cristine went on to complete a Fine Arts Degree in Saskatchewan and has won awards for her work. While visiting the July long weekend she would like to do a project on community art. People would be invited to add to the mural and no experience required. Lawrie will follow up and see what is required.
- **Canada Summer jobs** – we applied for 2 summer students. We received funding for one student for eight weeks ending July 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> student position would end August 31<sup>st</sup>. As we have not yet hired the 2<sup>nd</sup> student it was resolved to keep the same student for the 16 weeks.  
Since there is no relief for the summer student, it was asked that members pop in anytime to offer assistance and in particular over the lunch hour.
- **Museum Signs** – A quote was received from Krueger signs for \$480.00 per sign. It was suggested to check other places.
- **Municipal Office** – the soldier on display needs sprucing up. He has no shoes or socks.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Amber Finan,  
That the meeting adjourn.

Time of Adjournment: 3:15 p.m.