

The October 9, 2019 meeting of the Burton Heritage Society was called to order at 6pm at the Burton Roadhouse.

15 Members were present: Susan Kiel, Den & Kristina Newton, Paul & Marilyn McLaughlin, Brenda & Lindy Varner, Tom & Alene Whitesides, Steph Jarvis, Terri Smith, Virginia Roberts, Tom Schooler, Bill Whitener, Charlene Free

Highlights from the September 5th meeting were read by Kristina Newton due to the absence of Steph Jarvis. Barbara S. gave the treasurer's report and a total balance of \$10,661.45.

Change to meeting day of week: The group discussed the possibility to change upcoming meeting nights to Wednesday rather than Tuesday due to conflicts for several members.

Next events December:

Based on the last meeting, it was decided to try something new for this year and to split the home tour and the Christmas market into two events. **Sat. Dec 7** from 5-8pm will include a progressive home tour for BHS members and guests that will travel to three homes 1)

Whitesides 2) McLaughlin's 3) Texas Tin Haus. Each stop will include heavy appetizers, drinks and price will be \$20/person. We hope this will be more of a social event that is better for our members and might generate some new members. Downside of our tours in recent years were that our members could not see the homes. **Sat. Dec 14** from Noon to 4pm will be the Burton Christmas Market at the Roy Winkler Family Pavilion at the Texas Cotton Gin Museum. Again based on last month's meeting, was decided to shift back to a market with vendors, kids activities and with us providing food such as stew or chili. Discussed members signing up to make soups or stew in roasters to bring that day. It was suggested to include some type of bread or roll and a drink. Another suggestion was to advertise in advance the take home option with jars. Terri S. volunteered to help others on food committee with organizing folks to bring the stew (Junebug stew was a great suggestion that many locals would remember). Steph and Barb will coordinate a few others for the kids activities for the day such as crafts.

It was agreed that Santa should again make an appearance for pictures that day.

**Next discussion topics:** Steph asked if others would be interested in meeting at Mt Zion Cemetery in coming month or so to update last inventory of tombstones there (Those interested were Barb, Bill, Paul, Lindy, Brenda, Barbara S). Steph will email with possible dates. Tom W reminded everyone about the May 2020 MS 150 bike ride coming through Burton and suggested that BHS comes up with an idea to participate somehow. The group agreed to revisit in January to make more plans. Group also discussed the need to weed the butterfly garden at the depot. Tom S volunteered to contact someone to bid weeding the bed as well as cutting low branches around the depot. Lindy reminded the group that there are also shingles coming up on the depot that need to be addressed.

Next meeting was set for November 13th at 6pm at the depot.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steph Jarvis

Secretary