

The December 1, 2021 meeting of the Burton Heritage Society was called to order at 6:07pm at the Railroad Depot by president Susan Kiel. There were 9 members present: Steph Jarvis, Susan Kiel, Marilyn & Paul McLaughlin, Barbara Schoenemann, Bill Whitener, Brenda/Lindy Varner, Shelley Vavrecka.

The minutes were approved as written (Motion; BVarner, 2nd: BWhitener).

Barbara S. presented the Treasurer's report: General checking \$5,096.29, Mt Zion Chapel \$13,067.24, Depot Pavilion \$2,130. Susan and Barbara will look into membership income to compare with previous years.

Barbara believes it is higher than recent years and that many folks have paid.

Depot Committee Brief: Brenda and Lindy reported the main news includes the wonderful donation of lighting by Tom Schooler for the interior. He donated lights for the display cases and those to be mounted from the ceiling in the freight room. Barbara S. will send a thank you for this great donation. Lindy turned on part of the display lighting and everyone agreed it is a great improvement for seeing the items! Susan added that the recent surprise books donated were actually given by Gayle Weeren, one of the biggest donors for items. A few years back UP was getting rid of old books and his son kept them. Brenda will draft a thank you and send along with a deed of gift for them to sign. Steph asked if the committee had plans for a workday for Christmas decorating. After discussion it was agreed that we will start exterior decorating this Friday, December 3rd at 2pm. So anyone who is available can come. If we don't get it all done, we will plan another time for Sunday afternoon, December 5th. Brenda/Lindy will start on interior decorating and we asked them to let everyone know if they need help. Steph will email members to see if anyone has a Christmas tree to use inside the Depot.

Mt Zion Committee Brief: The committee met this past Monday, November 29 at the Depot. The group reviewed where we left off with plans for the restoration and set goals for immediate needs to address such as the long-term lease with Mt Zion Cemetery Association.

Old Business: Susan reported that ACL Construction had given two estimates on Depot roof, \$9,386 shingles and \$16,650 metal. She will also get an estimate from Lopez Construction. Most likely will go with the shingle roof as that is more accurate for depots. She will keep everyone posted on this. Steph reported no further news on the stagecoach gift from UT. Next event is Burton Christmas Market & More on Sat. December 11th. Shelly V has gathered great items for the raffle and the silent auction (20+). All members were asked to sell raffle tickets and can get tickets from Steph Jarvis. Tickets are selling for \$5 each or three for \$10. Steph will print another 100 tickets to sell at the event as well. Brenda volunteered to help with the silent auction checkout. We will have one more planning meeting this Friday, December 3rd at 11:30 at Los Patrones for anyone who would like to help with plans. Shelly reported that she has had no luck with material donations from Lowe's for the ramp project at the Depot. Susan suggested we approach McCoys and she will prepare a general letter for that.

New Business: The officers have begun reviewing Bylaws and Steph passed around a copy with highlighted areas that need to be clarified from past minutes/records. The main questions are when membership dues were raised and when meeting days were changed. We will continue research and plan to have it ready for review sometime after the start of 2022. Ultimately we need to get all minutes scanned so we have a digital copy of everything. Steph has transcribed and typed minutes from 1973-1980.

Steph asked for help with creating a schedule for upcoming Burton history shorts we have been sharing at meetings. Marilyn volunteered to do this and Steph will help with the scheduling of topics with people. Susan suggested we consider some quarterly speakers on a day other than meetings and everyone agreed this was a great idea. Once Marilyn has come up with a list of topics, we will plan to look at it and see if we might pull out 4 topics to try this way. We are hopeful to get more folks to come out on another day (possibly Sunday afternoons) and we could offer light refreshments etc. Everyone agreed that these offerings are very exciting to all the members and even non-members.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm (Motion; BVarner, 2nd; BWhitener).

Respectfully submitted,
Steph Jarvis, Secretary