

The January Burton Heritage Society was held January 5, 202 at 6pm at the Burton Railroad Depot. There were 15 members present: Wendy Bethany, Charlene Free, Manny Gonzales, Mary Grace Hearnberger, Steph Jarvis, Susan Kiel, Marilyn & Paul McLaughlin, Sue Pinkerton, Barbara Schoenemann, James Schulenberg, Brenda & Lindy Varner, Shelly Vavrecka, Jan Wehring.

The minutes were approved as read (Motion, BVarner; 2nd BSchoenemann).

Barbara presented the Treasurer's report. Based on the income and expense from the Burton Christmas Market & More, our net income was \$2,342.69 for the event. The other balances are as follows: General checking: \$7,109.82, Chapel restoration \$13,068.91 and Depot pavilion \$2,100.57.

Old Business: The Burton Christmas Market & More was discussed. It was decided to change the meal from free will to charging \$5 next year. A big thanks was given to Shelly Vavrecka for collecting all the raffle and silent auction items, to Brenda Varner for her great work on the Depot decorations/especially the wonderful display of vintage train toys and to everyone else who helped with the event organization. Santa did well inside the Depot and they handed out 92 candy canes. All the vendors did well - even those tucked into the corners. We will plan to get plans started earlier next year. Steph asked for anyone with other input to email her so that she can add it to the wrap up document for use in next year's planning. Next discussion moved onto the Depot roof and recent estimates received for replacement. We plan to move forward with seeking a shingle roof since that is more appropriate for depot roofs but funding will need to be secured since we do not have enough in the account currently. Bids are as follows: ACL \$9,386, Lopez \$10,900 and Brad Jasinski \$11,000. All are for 30 year roof and estimate includes all work and removal of debris. Susan will check that all bids also include ridge vent work as well. After discussion, it was suggested that we send a mailer to the community and members asking for donations towards the roof. If we can secure at least 5-6,000 that would be great. Steph reported that there are no updates yet on the stagecoach gift from UT. She will continue to follow up. Next topic included the need to update the bylaws. We plan to present the proposed changes at the next meeting for a vote. Some of the changes include possibly removing the two at-large director positions, officially changing the day of the week for meeting to Wednesday but inserting a note that the society may change the day as needed when a conflict arises. Also as reflected in the bylaws, the January meeting should also include election of officers. To give better notice on this, we will plan to consider this topic at the February meeting. All members will be notified of this and a notice will also be placed on the society Facebook page.

New Business: Brenda reported that Tom Schooler is also donating new speakers that can be used with the TVs for displaying videos for tours/visitors and that he will have someone set them up. Shelly and Brenda both have brought TVs that can be borrowed for these purposes. Barbara/Brenda will make sure proper thank yous are sent to all donors. Lindy also let everyone know that the display case in the freight room that featured the vintage train toys is going to be a rotating display for all kinds of collections. They have seen this done at the Hearne Depot and it has been quite successful in connecting with the community. He reminded everyone that items can be of any kind, and do not need to be railroad related. All members should think about this and let Brenda/Lindy know if they are interested in putting together a display. The meeting was adjourned (Motion, LVarner; 2nd, BVarner).