

The November meeting of the Burton Heritage Society was called to order November 2, 2022 at 6pm at Los Patrones. There were 8 members present. (Mary Grace Hearnberger, Manny Gonzales, Steph Jarvis, Susan Kiel, Kristie Manley, Barbara Schoenemann, Alene & Tom Whitesides.)

Secretary Brenda Varner was ill so the meeting minutes for the previous meeting will be read at the next meeting. For the Treasurer's report, Barbara S shared that the last month was very good for donations especially for Mt. Zion restoration fund. Those donations included a \$7,500 donation by the Jelhke Family Foundation and a \$1,000 memorial donation for Wendy Bethany by her son, Blake Bethany. Account balances: General checking \$7,100.09, Mt Zion restoration \$27,307.72, Depot pavilion \$2,128.78 and Stagecoach \$1,318.43.

Old business: Mary Grace reminded the group that at the last meeting they had discussed possibly moving money from the general fund to the stagecoach fund to move forward with its repair and possible use in parades. Susan noted that we still need at least a rough idea of what to expect to repair it from Sterling Merryman. Everyone agreed that it will be great to finally be able to use the stagecoach. The group discussed status of Mt Zion and upcoming work based on recent donations. At this time the next step would include an estimate for new siding and to rebuild the window frames. We will get a bid from Gary Ladewig on the siding and check into available craftsmen to help us rebuild the windows. Steph will plan to reshare the new video about our efforts at Mt Zion created by Brandon Hearnberger back in March. The group also discussed the past plans for a small fundraiser out at Mt Zion with music/food and possible good times to do this. Within the schedule of other events – the best time seems to be either early March before Ranger Day or between Ranger Day and Cotton Gin Festival. Everyone agreed we need to get a date on the calendar and just try something. It was also agreed that with the passing of our sweet friend Wendy Bethany, we are even more inspired to move forward with the restoration and she was so excited about this project and its completion.

New business: Big topic for the meeting were plans for the Burton Christmas Market & More set for Sat. December 10th from Noon to 4pm. The event will be back at the pavilion this year. The group discussed options for food to sell and Steph will check with Ronnie Hohlt and a few others if they are interested in making turkey stew again for us. So many folks ask about this throughout the year and we might be able to pre-sell quite a bit if they agree. If no stew then we might plan to do sausage wraps and nachos like last year since those are some of the easiest options. Kristie M. will ask all vendors to contribute an item for the silent auction again this year. We need to clarify times for when Santa will be here, what types of kids activities to offer, if Lathan can DJ for us AND if we want to have community caroling again. Good ideas for caroling: contact Mary Zorn to see if she might head this up for us and reach out to area churches to ask them to participate as well. Steph will start a Sign up genius with all the volunteer needs for the day and circulate that very soon to get jobs covered. The group also discussed having the December meeting at member Manny's house so all can see his Christmas tree. More details to come soon.

With there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steph Jarvis (on behalf of Brenda Varner)

