

The November 3, 2021 meeting of the Burton Heritage Society was called to order at 6:00pm by Susan Kiel, president. 9 members were present.

Wendy Bethany, Sandy Delacroix, Steph Jarvis, Susan Kiel, Marilyn & Paul McLaughlin, Barbara Schoenemann, Brenda & Linda Varner

The minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was given by Barbara S. The accounts are as follows: General \$6,040.56, Depot \$2,100.13, Chapel \$12,999.17.

Depot Committee Report: Lindy reported on the last meeting held Oct. 27. Lindy & Paul re-trenched the flagpole light, laid new conduit, tied into the existing line, put a new photocell in, changed direction so it is not facing the street and everything looks great. They have decided to bust up the old flagpole base. Everyone gave a big thanks to them for their work! They are waiting to hear back on the donation of supplies for the depot ramp project. They plan to utilize the allocated money for railings for the ramp. The committee is also working on plans for lighting inside display cases inside the depot as well as lighting to illuminate items on the walls. The lighting should be covered mainly by donated funds. Lindy pulled the mini fridge out since it was no longer working well. The committee has set a workday for Friday, November 5th for anyone who can come. The plan is to clean the depot from one end to the other. So far 4-5 volunteers have agreed to come work. Brenda asked for permission to use the display case currently in the cotton warehouse and Steph agreed with that as it is no longer being used by the Texas Cotton Gin Museum.

Old Business:

Depot roof: Susan reported that Andy Lamson has not gotten a final estimate from the roofer yet but he is supposed to be getting 2 estimates for both shingles and metal. The estimate will also include the rotten wood issues discussed at past meetings.

Depot lights for Christmas: Susan also reported that the Burton Chamber had donated \$900 towards the lighting of the Depot by Centex Festive Lighting. They provided event lighting for Trick or Treat Trail and gave a \$100 discount if lights could be put up before that event. They will take the lights down to store them and next year they will re-install them for a discounted rate. Everyone agreed that the lights look great.

Trick or Treat Trail: The event was held Sat. October 30th from 5:30-7:30pm and it was very well attended. We estimate that 500-600 kids came for the event. At this time we estimate that the cakewalk took in over \$500. Other parts of the event included a costume contest, kids games in the bank parking lot and a scavenger hunt along the trail. There were some additional expenses for this year's event which included event insurance and the payment for an off-duty officer through the Washington County Sheriff's Department. It was suggested that we open a new bank account specifically for special events such as Trick or Treat Trail. After discussion, a motion was made and passed to open a new account (SJarvis, motion; SKiel, 2nd). We ran out of candy this year and two volunteers had to go and get candy for the last hour of the event. Once we get past the holidays, we need to revisit this topic and discuss possible changes for next year which will help with safety and flow for the event (possibly moving the event to cotton gin grounds -- so we don't have to deal with traffic). Overall we had great input from folks that the event was well organized and again such a great time for our kids to just "be kids."

Burton Christmas Market & More: Plans continue for the market on Sat. December 11th. Kristie Manley is organizing the vendors for the day and we plan to have most of them set up inside Burton Roadhouse. Weather will be the biggest determining factor for the logistics of the day. We hope to have another planning meeting to discuss more specifics and will let the members know about that and a workday to prepare for the event.

Stagecoach Gift: Steph reported that our last word from UT was that they hoped to have the deaccession of the stagecoach completed by late October. However, it does not appear that they have made any further decision as of yet. She will keep everyone posted.

New Business:

Mannequin: Brenda reported that she has placed the Southern Pacific baseball uniform on a mannequin but that the donor of the uniform was asking why it was placed on a woman's mannequin. She will continue to work on that as there are options to make it look more masculine and she will continue to look for other forms to use since that is her personal mannequin that she used for jewelry.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn (BrendaV, 2nd Paul M).

For our Burton history portion of the meeting, Sandy Delacroix spoke about the fascinating history of the Steiner-Dallmeyer Store/now the Brazos Belle Restaurant and brought some wonderful pictures and other items as part of her presentation. Everyone truly enjoyed this information!

Respectfully submitted,
Steph Jarvis, secretary