

Brant Historical Society

Minutes of the Board meeting for March 10th, 2015

Present: Bill Hanna, Michael St. Amant, Vyrst Sisson, Jack Jackowitz, Anita Menon, Zig Misiak, Annette Minutillo, Lana Jobe.

Staff: Chris Shaw and Nathan Etherington

Moved by Bill Hanna and seconded by Zig Misiak that the Agenda for the Meeting of March 10th, 2015 be approved. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Vyrst Sisson and seconded by Jack Jackowitz that the Minutes of the March 10th, 2015 meeting be approved without amendment or change. Carried unanimously.

Chris Shaw presented a Report regarding space utilization at the Market Square site which represents 5,000 square feet. His report indicated that the number of visitors had improved significantly during the periods in which the site was open. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that Jack Jackowitz and Michael St. Amant would meet with representatives from Laurier to discuss options regarding space at the Market Square site and report back at the April 10th meeting. Moved by Anita Menon and seconded by Zig Misiak to accept the Market Square Report. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Vyrst Sisson and seconded by Annette Minutillo that the Treasurers Report presented by Treasurer Bill Hanna be approved. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Vyrst Sisson and seconded by Zig Misiak that \$25,000 from the Scheak Fund be transferred to the operating account to meet a shortfall in cash flow. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Bill Hanna and seconded by Zig Misiak that the proposed Budget for 2015 be accepted and presented to the Annual General Meeting. Carried unanimously.

Nathan Etherington presented a report regarding an updated Abuse Policy for the Brant Historical Society. The Board requested that the policy recognize Child Abuse consistent with policies recognized by other institutions be included and that Cyber Abuse also be recognized. Subject to including these items, Jack Jackowitz moved approval of the revised policy. Seconded by Bill Hanna. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Jack Jackowitz and seconded by Vyrst Sisson that Annette Minutillo be appointed to complete the term of office vacated by the untimely death of Manfred Schomann. Carried unanimously.

Other items:

It was agreed that Lana Jobe would make a presentation to the Board of Directors on upcoming plans and priorities for the balance of 2015.

Bill Hanna, Treasurer, requested that Michael St. Amant present the Audited Financial Statements at Annual General Meeting because he will be away in Italy at that time. It was agreed that Michael St. Amant or Vyrst Sisson would present the Audited Statements.

Michael St. Amant advised the Board that Vince Ball was preparing a play honouring the First World War veterans and that a number of community organizations had agreed to participate and that he saw a role for the Brant Historical Society in this community event. He also reported on plans to prepare a book on Brantford During the First World War, and that it would be ideal to have the project completed for November of the year.

Vyrst Sisson suggested that the Brant Historical Society adopt a program to encourage Credit Card donations as a means of raising money. This would need further discussion.

Move by Jack Jackowitz to adjourn meeting.

Next Meeting April 14th, 2015.