

Brant Historical Society
Board of Directors Virtual Meeting
On Zoom
January 25, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present on Zoom: Tim Philp (President), Denise Methot (Vice-President), Michael-Allan Marion (Secretary), Willy Hilgendag (Treasurer), Doug Summerhayes, Leisah Marie Jansen, Murray Angus.

Staff: None present

1. Call to a Order: Meeting called to order at 6 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda: There were no changes.

Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by D. Methot that the agenda for the meeting be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. Addition of Board Member:

Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by D. Methot, that Murray Angus be appointed to the BHS Board of Directors.

Carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by W. Hilgendag, seconded by D. Methot, that the minutes of the November 30, 2021 board of directors meeting be approved.

Carried unanimously.

5. Executive Director's Report:

T. Philp said nothing much occurred during December 2021 and January 2022. The Crystal Cottage is still hovering over the foundation, but the expectation is that another month will see it ready. He is going to Enterprise Brant for funding for interior renovations to the heritage structure.

He also updated the board on the status of Myrtleville House Museum. He said he is working with the Trust organization to complete the transfer of the property to the Brant Historical Society, and is looking to the City of Brantford to help fund with grants.

Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by W. Hilgendag that the Executive Director's Report be approved.

Carried unanimously.

6. Treasurer's Report:

The financials were circulated before the meeting.

The documents show current assets as of December 31, 2021 stood at \$398,236, while total liability was \$222,957, and total equity was \$175,279.

Total earned revenue in fiscal year 2021 fell by \$1,828 to \$1,775, from \$3,604 in 2020. Meanwhile total program revenue soared to \$14,917 in 2021, compared with \$4,299 in 2020.

Total grants and donations also leapt to \$190,239 in 2021, nearly \$100,000 more than \$90,861 in 2020. That helped put total revenue for the year at a little more than \$353,000, about \$144,139 in 2020.

W. Hilgendag said a good year in program and other grants from governments helped the BHS finish with a net income increase of \$15,241.

"It's good to see that we are in the black," he said.

T. Philp said the board now has to focus on affording the cost of completing the restoration of the Crystal Cottage. He said the foundation will likely cost about \$140,000. He estimated the value of the property is now worth about \$1 million.

Moved by D. Summerhayes, seconded by D. Methot, that the Treasurer's Report be approved.

Carried unanimously.

7. New Business:

Holding an annual general meeting: T. Philp said the board wants to hold an AGM as soon as the uncertainty of the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 pandemic is settled. By the next meeting in February the board may be in a better position to plan it, he said.

Moved by D. Summerhayes, seconded by M-A Marion, that the subject of holding an AGM be deferred to the February for the determination of a date.

Carried unanimously.

10. Next Meeting: Scheduled for February 22, 2022 at 6 pm.

11. Adjournment: The was adjourned at 6:36 pm.