

Brant Historical Society

Board of Directors

Minutes

October 25th, 2022

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

Regrets: Willy Hilgendag (Treasurer), Doug Summerhayes.

Staff: None present.

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

1. **Additions to Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

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

Carried unanimously.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by L. Jansen, that the minutes of the September 22, 2022, Board of Directors meeting be approved.

Carried unanimously.

4. **Executive Director's Report:**

Crystal Cottage - T. Philp reported that he was disappointed the contractor Mike Quattrociocchi had not finished the final aspects of remedial work on the settlement of the Crystal Cottage as expected by this point in October. He said significant damage was done to the heritage building during the structure's move to a vacant lot beside the Brant Museum and Archives.

But he added added contractor said here is so little left to do it is difficult to get workers to do the work.

Myrtleville House Museum - T. Philp reported that the Society has been handed a monkey wrench in its plans to take over ownership of the National Historic Site. Administrators are concerned about the Society's long-term financial stability and its ability to manage the property. He said the administrator's concern was based on a report that showed the financial state of the Society in an unfavourable light. He said that Report was before significant favourable changes occurred in the Society's position during the past year. T. Philp said more discussions are coming.

IT Infrastructure - He said the main server at the Museum has died and the Society might have to buy a new mother board. The hard drive seems to be okay. He estimated the replacement cost at \$2,000.

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by L. Jansen, that the Executive Director be authorized to spend \$2,0000 to acquire a new mother board if necessary to replace a broken one.wee

Carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The financial documents for the past month were circulated before the meeting.

The Treasurer could not attend the meeting, so T. Philp summarized the main themes in the documents. He noted that the Society still has \$80,000 in the bank to see operations through the rest of the year.

Motion: Moved by D. Methot, seconded by L. Jansen, that the Treasurer's Report be approved.

Carried unanimously.

6. Business from the Minutes:

The board needs to set up a committee to plan the 2023 Annual General Meeting. It was decided to keep in place the committee established for the 2022 AGM. Its membership consisted of: M-A Marion as chairman, T. Philp, W. Hilgendag and Nathan Etherington as a staff resource. A report will be brought to the next board meeting.

7. New Business: M. Angus proposed the publication of a book of photography of scenes in Brantford and Brant County complete with historical vignettes. He will report on progress of the project.

8. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2022 at 6 pm.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.