

# Cloyne & District Historical Society

## General Meeting Minutes

May 20th, 2024

- 1: Call to Order- President Ken Hook called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
2. O' Canada and Moment of Silence
3. First Nations Land Acknowledgement-Ken Hook
4. Approval of the Agenda- **Motion for approval of the Agenda by Doc Ruth and seconded by Cindy Austin. Motion carried.**
5. Presentations
  - a. Tammy Whitelock – The Big Chair update (Tammy did not make it to the meeting)
  - b. Teri Woods – The Kindness Garden

The Kindness Garden is a community project spearheaded by Terri Woods. Terri described many current projects she is involved with locally. Description of the Kindness Rock Garden- A garden consisting of wood, mulch, and hand-painted rocks, which can be taken from the garden, replaced by other hand-painted rocks, and shared with others in a network of kindness. The project participants will work with students who will paint these rocks (generously donated by Nowell Construction.) Children can place their rocks in the garden (hopefully at or near the Museum opening date). The hope is that Museum visitors will participate, and local clubs and associations will have rock painting sessions. Once the first garden is established, there is hope that it will expand to other municipalities as an attraction. (Halls, libraries etc.) A sign will be associated with the garden to indicate the exchange process. The municipality of North Frontenac has approved this project. There was a short discussion surrounding suggestions of the possible location by the group. (Sixty dollars for three is the cost of the garden materials) They are hoping for a start date before the end of school (June 27). Ian suggested that a good location around the memorial trees would be a good location. No firm decision was made.

- c. Eileen Flieler – The Heritage Wall

Eileen states that they are still waiting for price estimates so there is nothing more to report regarding the wall.

- d. Bus Tour to Ameliasburgh Heritage Village, Fri, June 14, 8:30 to 4:30 Eileen Flieler and Nawar Hage- It had been determined that an earlier time to depart would allow for more time at the village. Slides were shown of the Heritage Village grounds and the village layout. The day's agenda was displayed for the group, i.e.: Meet at 8:15, bring what beverage you want for your consumption on the trip, 10 a.m. arrival at the museum, admission is free, but donations

are welcome, leave the museum at 1 p.m. for the Gateway Restaurant where a particular room is booked which holds 35 people. (Overflow will dine in the main restaurant.) The restaurant at 1:30, leaving the restaurant at 3 p.m., arrival at Barrie Hall at 4:30.

Patrons are to pay for food and drinks. A menu for the restaurant was distributed. The bus cost is \$20 per person. The trip is open to members and nonmembers alike. The bus holds 44. Carolyn asked about posters, but the consensus was that it should not be necessary to advertise the trip. It was suggested that we “pass the hat” for a tip for the driver, and all agreed. The bus is a school bus from Martin’s bus line.

6. Short Break, refreshments

7. “Bring a Thing and Tell a Tale.”

The audience shared meaningful, interesting, personal historical items and stories with the group.

**8. Approval of the Draft Minutes of April 15, 2024, Motion by Doc Ruth, to approve the draft minutes (with corrections) and seconded by Warren. Motion carried.**

9. Business arising from the Minutes

a. Museum Opening – The June 22<sup>nd</sup> program is still being revised. Indigenous garden celebration the same day and time as the museum opening. The “Strawberry Bloom” opening ceremony to recognize the reason for the creation of the garden and appreciation of people in the community who made it possible was discussed by Rosemary Teed. The garden will feature the four indigenous sacred plants — tobacco, sage, cedar and sweetgrass. A sign will signify the plants and the teachings they represent. An Elder from Sharbot Lake to do the smudge ceremony at 11 a.m. (this necessitates the delay of the BBQ until after the smudge ceremony). People will mingle in the museum and tour the gardens. Pickled Chicken String Band will be playing in the museum on opening day.

b. Speakers’ Forum – The next speaker Rand Simon, Former NHL agent, on May 22 at 7 pm. Nawar Hage is asking to extend the research forum to more people in the community in order to increase suggestions regarding new speakers.

10. Committee Reports

Treasurers Report

Expenditures:

- Hydro was \$202 in May
- Newsletters \$230 for 150
- Sign repair. -\$122.04

The Pioneer Museum sign was erected on May 2nd. Ryan Nowell volunteered his time and equipment. (The sign still needs some work.) Ken and Guy Jolivet assisted Ian in the installation.

- Garden club \$50
- Grass seed ≈ \$50

Assets:

- Book Sales- \$12.14 (per book?)
- Donation by an individual to “Canada Helps” – \$86.62 received of \$110 donation
- 20 copies of Oxen and Axe to Bon Echo (possible future sales which would necessitate a reprint)

- Raymond James Reserve Account \$18,139.
- Endowment Account \$107,435 (end of April)
- Heritage Organization Development Grant \$1500.
- BMO Current account \$4151.

-Ian stated that we don't have a grant for two of our students, so we will pay from CDHS funds. To subsidize the students' salaries, we get 3000 from the Endowment fund, 1550 from the Heritage Organization Development Grant, and \$500 from each municipality. It may be possible to augment paid student services with member volunteer work over the summer. (Suggested by Ian.)

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Ian and seconded by Daryl Austin. Motion carried.**

-Carolyn discussed Museum sales of "Without A Wurduva Lie: And Other Madawaska Valley Tales" by Garry Ferguson, formerly of the Matawatchan area. (\$13.00 per copy)

Doc Ruth- Initiated a discussion about the cell towers being built and activated, as well as shared services among providers.

11. New Business- None discussed.

12. Next Meeting – In June, we will have the Bus Tour instead of a General meeting– Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, leaving Barrie Hall at 8:30 am, \$20 p.p. (covers the bus ride). Lunch will be at the Northway Restaurant in Belleville.

Anyone interested in a bus tour may call Eileen Flieler or Nawar Hage.

The July meeting will be a potluck at the home of Ken and Cathy Hook.

Congratulations extended to Ken Hook. Ken placed 2nd overall in an open field of 20 athletes in the Early Bird Triathlon in Ottawa by Somersault Events. Ken entered the swim bike race (500m swim at Carlton University pool) and a 30k bike on Colonel By Drive.

13. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 2:53