

**CITY OF SALEM
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Monday, August 21, 2023
5:00 P.M.
Salem Area Historical Museum**

CALL TO ORDER

The Historical Commission met on Monday, August 21, 2023 at the Salem Area Historical Museum. Luke Purcell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the presence of commission members Diane Eller, Mark Larimer, Frank Brinkerhoff, Megan Holler, Jim Koehler and recording Secretary Cindy Eller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meagan Holler made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2023 meeting. Mark Larimer seconded the motion. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for July 2023 was presented for review.

CORRESPONDENCE

Luke Purcell told the Commission that he is working with Frank Brinkerhoff on items to be donated to the University of IL. Luke also noted that the Historical Commission had recently received donations including a mirror, Chiquita Banana sticker collection and an 1860 Civil War Revolver.

Mark Larimer reported he had been working with Sarah Dice on history of the Civil War Revolver and thought she may be a good fit on the Historical Commission. Jim Koehler said he would check with Mayor Farley to see if it would be a conflict since Sarah is a Salem Police Officer. It was noted that Chuck Lear is not eligible to serve since he lives outside the city limits.

BUSINESS

Jim Koehler reported that he spoke with Ace regarding renting trailers for the Cemetery tours in order to accommodate more people and but did not get pricing. Luke Purcell said he had signed a contract with Little Egypt Golf Cars for more carts and a cost less than last year so that may be something to look into for next year.

COMMISSION MEMBER'S REPORT

Diane Eller reported plans were going well with the Cemetery tour. It was discussed if there should be a Sunday matinee added this year to accommodate more people or in case of bad weather on Friday or Saturday. Motion was made by Mark Larimer and seconded by Frank Brinkerhoff to add a Sunday matinee to the Cemetery Tour. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

Jim Koehler reported that he has a group meeting at his home on September 13 to discuss plans to light up downtown with lights on buildings and a possible Bryan event at the theatre in May 2024. Jim also said there has been discussion about repairs to the stage in the park which would be a huge asset to the park.

The next Historical Commission meeting will be Monday, September 18, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Diane Eller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Cindy Eller

Historical Commission

August 2023

September 7, 2023

City of Salem Salem Area Historical Commission

July	Excess Revenue	\$1,153.50
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Revenue
Donations

TOTAL REVENUE	August	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Expenditures

Building Maintenance Materials (Bryan Home)	\$	232.14
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	August	<u>\$353.66</u>
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August	EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$799.84
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Reserved - Bryan Home Improvements	\$2,646.82
Unreserved	(\$1,846.98)

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Keli Barrow
Director of Finance