

**CITY OF SALEM
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 13, 2023
5:00 P.M.
Salem Area Historical Museum**

CALL TO ORDER

The Historical Commission met on Tuesday, March 13, 2023 at the Salem Area Historical Museum. Frank Brinkerhoff called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the presence of commission members Diane Eller, Mark Larimer, Luke Purcell, Myron Lloyd, Councilman Jim Koehler and recording Secretary Cindy Eller.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Diane Eller nominated Luke Purcell for President. Mark Larimer seconded the motion. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

Diane Eller nominated Mark Larimer for Vice President. Luke Purcell seconded the motion. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Frank Brinkerhoff made a motion to approve the minutes. Diane Eller seconded the motion. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was not available for review.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BUSINESS

Plans for the William Jennings Bryan birthday celebration on Sunday, March 19th were finalized with both the Museum being open from 1:00 – 3:00 and the Frank Brinkerhoff speaking at the Presbyterian Church at 3:00. Frank stated it would be more of a question and answer session than a speech.

COMMISSION MEMBER'S REPORT

Diane Eller stated she needs to start research for the cemetery tour this year. It was noted that Chuck Lear is interested in lighting and period music for the tour.

Diane reported she had not had a chance to speak to the new prospect for the Historical Commission but would do that.

Jim Koehler told the Commission that Tabitha Meador spoke to the Tourism Board about promoting Salem History. Koehler also stated he would like to discuss lighting at the Bryan Home at the next meeting.

The next Historical Commission meeting will be Monday, April 17, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Diane Eller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Cindy Eller

Historical Commission

February 2023

April 3, 2023

City of Salem Salem Area Historical Commission

January	Excess Revenue	\$16,253.66
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Revenue
Donations

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

Ameren	\$	111.24
Dennis Clifton (Window Cleaning at Museum)	\$	40.00
Air Filter (Janitorial Supplies)	\$	11.98
Party Supplies/ Frames (Miscellaneous)	\$	40.60

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	February	<u>\$203.82</u>
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February	EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$16,049.84
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Reserved - Bryan Home Improvements	\$16,879.93
Unreserved	(\$830.09)

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

Sincerely,

Keli Barrow
Director of Finance

April 3, 2023

Reserved - Bryan Home Improvements	\$16,879.93
Unreserved	(\$1,009.10)

Salem Rotary Club
Salem, Illinois

Dear Friends,

The 200th anniversary of Salem's founding and the beginning of Marion County will be celebrated on Saturday, July 1. Events will be focused in Bryan Park.

Our Rotary Club was invited to help and has developed two ideas. The first is similar to the East Lawn Cemetery tour which the Historical Commission sponsors each fall. Actors could portray a character from Salem's past. They would be positioned under the shade trees in Bryan Park. Each actor could give a 10-minute talk about his/her historical figure. The talks would be scheduled at 15-minute intervals so that spectators could walk from one location to the next.

In addition to characters, individuals might like to research events from Salem's past. They could give a talk or present a display about their topic. We plan to locate the displays in one or more of the park shelters.

The Rotary Club is thinking that churches, civic groups and others might like to present a display of their own history. We are envisioning a series of table-top presentations.

Some topics that could be researched include Salem schools, Salem hospitals, Salem industries. If someone has an idea, it probably will work and we will be able to include it.

Salem Rotary also will have a booth selling "homemade" root beer. We hope you will check it out.

Joy Conner, Melanie Johnson and Mark Larimer are the Rotary chairpersons for this project. If you have an idea or questions, please contact one of us. If you wish, one of us will try to meet with your group.

Thank you for your interest and consideration.

Very truly yours,

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