

**CITY OF SALEM
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Mon., July 18, 2022
5:00 P.M.
Salem Area Historical Museum**

CALL TO ORDER

The Historical Commission met on Monday, July 18, 2022 at the Salem Area Historical Museum. Frank Brinkerhoff called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the presence of commission members Luke Purcell, Megan Holler, Betty Purcell, Don Mills, Diane Eller, Mark Larimer, Councilman Jim Koehler and recording Secretary Cindy Eller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report provided by the City of Salem Finance Director, Keli Barrow, was reviewed by members.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BUSINESS

Councilman Jim Koehler told the Commission that he had attended the Scopes Festival in Dayton TN and said it was very educational and met a lot of interesting people. Koehler would like to see a William Jennings Bryan Festival possibly on the Court House lawn in Salem sometime in the future. The problem would be getting enough volunteers to do this.

COMMISSION MEMBER'S REPORT

Diane Eller reported that plans continue to go well for the Cemetery Tour.

Betty Purcell reported that she visited the History Museum in Centralia and it was a very large facility with a lot of items on display. Purcell told the Commission Members that she "walked away" feeling very proud of the Salem Historical Museum. It was noted that it would be good to have brochures to put in area motels stating the hours on Saturday the Museum is open.

Frank Brinkerhoff told the Commission that he would like to be able to show the museum times other than just Saturday mornings. It was discussed that if we had a request and a member was available to do so, individual appointments could be made to tour the facility. Frank also voiced concerns that the smoke detector is still beeping at the Bryan Home. Frank feels it's not fully set and noted that the back door is still not locking properly.

Mark Larimer told the Commission that he had received a large donation the last Saturday when he worked and had maybe 3 – 4 visitors.

ADJOURNMENT

Don Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Cindy Eller