

**CITY OF SALEM
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Monday, April 25, 2022
5:00 P.M.
Salem Area Historical Museum**

CALL TO ORDER

The Historical Commission met on Monday, April 25, 2022 at the Salem Area Historical Museum. Chairman Luke Purcell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the presence of commission members Betty Purcell, Luke Purcell, Mark Larimer, Diane Eller, Megan Holler and recording Secretary Cindy Eller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tabled – Cindy Eller will email report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Luke Purcell reported that he was contacted from a man in Vandalia that is involved in the Train Museum regarding a copy of the movie of the Tonti train wreck. Purcell reported that one copy is in the safe at City Hall and a second copy was given to Vandalia.

Luke Purcell reported that he was notified by Landmarks Illinois that his nomination of the Birthplace of William Jennings Bryan was not chosen this year. Purcell stated that he will try again next year.

Email was received from Jed Casburn, Marion County YMCA, asking the Historical Commission if they would like to participate in Family Fun Day on June 4. After discussion, the decision was to not participate this year.

Luke Purcell told the Commission that he was contacted by a man from Casey who has a picture of Salem he would sell for \$20.00. Luke will contact him and request a picture and a decision to be made from there.

BUSINESS

- a. **Cemetery Tour** – Diane Eller reported that search has begun to find sponsors as well actors for the Tour. Four tours are planned each night on Friday, September 30 and

Saturday, October 1. It was discussed to print tickets this year to avoid confusion and Cindy Eller told the Commission she could take care of this.

- b. Museum Updates – Betty Purcell** reported she had changed the displays in the Museum window to go with the season. Also, Salem Country Club will be celebrating their 100th year anniversary this year and she feels the Historical Commission should recognize this. Plans are made to display

COMMISSION MEMBER'S REPORT

Betty Purcell passed around a calendar for volunteers to work the museum the four Saturdays in May. Betty also said she would like to have a better record of items donated to the museum including donor name and address and significant details of item donated.

Betty Purcell told the members that a lady had approached her and had two curio cabinets that she would like to donate to the museum. Motion was made by Diane Eller and seconded by Luke Purcell to accept these curio cabinets. All members present were in favor and motion carried.

Discussion was made on asking Jim Koehler if he would be a liaison between the City Council and the Historical Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Diane Eller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Cindy Eller

Historical Commission

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City of Salem Salem Area Historical Commission

March	Excess Revenue		\$17,725.48
	Revenue		
	Donations		
	Donation Box		\$115.00
	TOTAL REVENUE	April	<u>\$115.00</u>
	Expenditures		
	Clean Windows	\$	40.00
	Rural King	\$	24.76
	Walmart	\$	60.71
	IGA	\$	46.80
	Mulch (Bryan Home Expenditure)	\$	70.07
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	April	<u>\$242.34</u>
April	EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES		\$17,598.14
	Reserved - Bryan Home Improvements		\$19,929.93
	Unreserved		(\$2,331.79)

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

Sincerely,

Keli Barrow
Director of Finance