

**CITY OF SALEM
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Monday, March 21, 2022
5:00 P.M.
Salem Area Historical Museum**

CALL TO ORDER

The Historical Commission met on Monday, March 21, 2022 at the Salem Area Historical Museum. Chairman Frank Brinkerhoff called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the presence of commission members Betty Purcell, Luke Purcell, Mark Larimer, Diane Eller, Councilman Jim Koehler and recording Secretary Courtney Mitchell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tabled – Courtney Mitchell will email

CORRESPONDENCE

Luke Purcell reported that Alan Phillips is going to donate a display cabinet that has rotating shelves.

BUSINESS

- a. **WJB Birthday Open House:** Luke Purcell reported that the Open House went well with over 75 guests visiting the home and over 40 visiting the museum as well. Mark Decker did a great job with his part, as did the dulcimer group.

COMMISSION MEMBER'S REPORT

Cemetery Tour: Diane Eller is researching the Circus and Dr. Rainey. Diane Eller would like to receive a more detailed accounting of the donations taken in and what expenses are going out. Courtney Mitchell will get with Finance Director Keli Barrow to provide further reports.

Betty Purcell passed around a calendar for volunteers to work the museum in April and the All Class Reunion on April 9.

Bryan Home: Councilman Koehler reported that he requested \$20,000 from the Tourism Board and it was granted. A bid has been posted for the painting of the home and will be opened in two weeks. He would like to see some lighting added and the sign more noticeable.

Betty Purcell and Luke Purcell have been recognized by the Salem Area Foundation for their efforts and contributions on the Historical Commission and the Salem Area Historical Museum. They will be honored at the *Evening of Honors* dinner on March 31.

Diane Eller would like to see the Walking Tour brochure updated and utilized.

ADJOURNMENT

Don Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Recording Secretary
Courtney Mitchell



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Dear Mr. Purcell,

On behalf of Landmarks Illinois, I would like to thank you for your nomination of the Birthplace of William Jennings Bryan for the 2021 *Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois* program.

Your nomination was one of many we received. The final list was approved by the Landmarks Illinois Executive Committee at its most recent meeting.

We sincerely regret that your nomination was not included in this year's list, which will be announced in a virtual format on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

Although this historic home will not be on this year's *Most Endangered* list, please be assured that we remain willing to assist you with your advocacy efforts. Our Regional Advocacy Manager, Quinn Adamowski (qadamowski@landmarks.org), is aware of the concerns you and fellow advocates have regarding the property. He will be reaching out to you directly to discuss your concerns and possible remedies. You are more than welcome to email him in advance with any pertinent updates.

Thank you again for your nomination and your commitment to preserving Illinois' historic resources.

Sincerely,

Bonnie McDonald
President & CEO