

BROWN-FISHER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

The Brown-Fisher Association, Inc. held its first quarterly meeting of the year on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the home of Larry & Zubecca Brown in China Grove, NC.

President Stephen W. Brown called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and thanked Sara Z. Brown and the extended Brown family for our brunch. Food is always better when someone else fixes it!

PRESENT: Stephen W. Brown, Patricia B. Beck, Larry Brown, Rod Kesler, Sarah Z. Brown, Linda Shelton, Keith Wolf, Debbie Taylor, Norman Ribelin, Cathy Kirchin, S. Deane Brown, Juanita Lagg, Ken Clifton and Aaron Kepley. **ABSENT:** Ann Bostian, Doug Robinson, Carolyn Lambert, and Paul Walker.

MINUTES: Minutes of the November 16, 2016 meeting were distributed and approved.

TREASURER: Larry Brown distributed copies of the current financial report and explained several items. We are in good shape after paying for paving the parking lot.

MEMBERSHIP: Juanita Lagg reported 168 members with a total of 158 Life Memberships to date. Members discussed ways to recruit new members, and new ways of paying dues.

PARKING LOT: The \$65,000.00 parking lot investment has been paid thanks to a gracious gift from Juanita Lagg. Still to be completed: shrubbery. Help could come from United Way Day of Caring, Boy Scouts or Volunteers.

OLD STONE HOUSE LONG TERM PLAN PHASE 2: The future use of the caretaker's house was discussed. Aaron Kepley reported that the Rowan Museum Board of Directors are in favor of using the house as a temporary archive. He gave us some info on the current caretaker, rent paid, etc. We discussed water, septic tank, and inside house design. Norman Ribelin and Larry Brown were appointed to committee to check with the Town of Granite Quarry for help. Members discussed fund raising ideas.

DUNN'S MOUNTAIN: S. Deane Brown gave an update on the progress of Dunn's Mountain Park.

WEBSITE: Cathy Kirchin will be working with Kat Clifton on material for the website.

ROWAN MUSEUM: Aaron Kepley announced that, in conjunction with Cheerwine's 100th Anniversary, Rowan Museum is unveiling a yearlong display on the company, founded in 1917 in Salisbury, NC.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be on Saturday 29 April 2017, 10:00 a.m. in the Rowan Museum upstairs room.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting closed at 12 noon

Respectfully submitted

Patricia B. Beck, secretary