

Minutes of a Meeting of the Brown-Fisher Association Board of Directors

The Brown-Fisher Association held a Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the home of Sarah Brown, who had prepared brunch for all; members began gathering at 9 am for food and fellowship with the meeting beginning about 10 am.

Those in attendance: Stephen Brown, Deane Brown, Sarah Brown, Larry Brown, Kay Brown Hirst, Hunter Fisher, Brenda Zimmerman, Ken Clifton, Kat Clifton, Debbie Taylor, Norman Ribelin, Rod Kesler, Grace Marlatt, Aaron Kepley.

Web Master report provided by Kat Clifton: 2019- 16 online transaction for \$1395; 2020 3 transactions for \$95-memberships. Notifications are emailed with donations. Continue to update; shop online is active with Fisher books, postcards, prints, and cookbooks to be added soon. Coordinating with Facebook and website.

Minutes approved with following revision - change adjournment time from pm to am.

Financial report presented and accepted for 2019. Balance of accounts; General - \$7,702; Life Membership - \$59,377; Memorials - \$2,003; Cemetery - \$1,519; Reunion Trust - \$10,000; Publication - \$4,033; OSH Improvement - \$906. Fund for the Carolinas (FFTC) investments - \$50,000, Money Market account - \$39,300, and Operating account (checking) - \$1,242. Thrivent mentioned as possible investment option and seed money for activities.

Editor's report by Brenda Zimmerman: January edition ready to go; material to be presented in rich format; plans for camera-ready editions. Deadline first of June for reunion edition to go out the end of July (can be a reunion letter if necessary; third communication after the reunion at end of October. Printer has changed hands, but should continue as has been. Discussion of current and future editions. Pictures to be sent one at a time.

Christmas postcards did go out with thanks to Deane. Pictures of Old Stone House need to be reviewed as to what the Museum has. Possibility of a calendar for next year.

MBH Long Range Plan - Rowan Museum now has about \$495,000 for Visitor's and Educational building; Ritchie Foundation mentioned as potential source for second portion and, for the final third, the Cannon Foundation. Campaign kick-off, hopefully in

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Spring with a goal of probably 1 to 1.5 million for the total project. Kirchin estate mentioned as potential source, but nothing known at present.

Rowan Museum - Dates for 2020 events at the Old Stone House – April 4th Spring Frolic, September 19th - Germanfest/Reunion, and January 2nd and 3rd, 2021 (due to Christmas on Friday) - Old Stone Christmas. Aaron spoke about his upcoming trip to Germany. Has offered to carry letters from organizations to present to dignitaries in Michael's area of birth; future newsletter article.

Next meeting will be to plan reunion; set for June 6th at St. John's Lutheran.

Meeting adjourned after which members viewed video of Old Stone House development and a Betty Dan notebook of family of Moses Brown. Also, possible artifacts from Ben Fisher.

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