

**Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society**  
**Board of Director's Meeting**  
August 1, 2015

Attendees: Malette Stevenson, Jim Paul, Bonnie Bergeron, Daron Kinzinger,

Absent: Gary Seiner

Meeting opened at 10:30 a.m.

Several issues were discussed about repairs or other issues relating to the building:

- Light fixture by the flag is broken and needs to be repaired or replaced
- Roof is leaking and needs immediate attention. Ken Ponton may know who we can contact to deal with this issue
- Squirrels are still present in the attic and need to be dealt with immediately as they are chewing holes in the side of the building.
- Several fire extinguishers were found and we need to decide if they need to be recharged and who would do that.

Malette made a proposal that we bring back the craft show in 2016. Ellen Stringer, who is Dan Kirsh's daughter, has indicated an interest in organizing and managing the show. Her fee would be 20%. There would be two shows – one 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and the other the weekend after Thanksgiving. Both would be held at the Fair Grounds. Malette will contact someone at the Fair Grounds to see if the dates are available for 2016. She will also read through the contract and see what changes if any need to be made. Mary Ann Kirsh has offered to write articles promoting the show. The thought is to bring back better crafters and some new ideas. Malette will do flyers so Ellen can distribute them at craft shows that she attends this year. Ellen will come to the September membership meeting and present her ideas.

A discussion followed about the need for board and officers insurance which would cost between \$500-\$1,000 per year. Daron felt that if we ask individuals to become board members or officers and make decisions for the society that they need to be covered against law suits. However, we have liability insurance on the house and obtain extra coverage for the craft shows and other events that we support so extra coverage may not be needed. The topic will be tabled until more facts can be obtained. **Motion** was made by Jim Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried requesting that Malette and Daron talk to Tom Shamblin, who is the agent for our insurance on the house, to gather more information about what we need and the costs,

Malette is still reviewing the bi-laws and would like feedback from the officers and members if they would like to see changes. Discussion then followed about whether we really need a board of directors and officers. Per State law, all non-profits must have a board of directors but some non-profits have an executive director which reports to the board and committees which work on projects. No decision was made so the society will function as it is with a board and officers.

Daron made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Bergeron, Secretary