

The Historic Greenfield Preservation Council of Botetourt County

Minutes for Tuesday July 19, 2022

Greenfield Education Center, Room 229 at 3:00 p.m.

Call to order at 3:03 p.m. – Jim Johnston

Roll Call – Marlene Preston in for Wendy Warren

- Present: Curtis Brown, Roblyn Brand, Steve Clinton, Will Dibling, Jim Johnston, Danny Kyle, John Lanford, Keith McMurry, Beth Pappas, Cheryl Sullivan-Willis
- Unable to attend: Lynne Bolton, Eugene Journiette, Ann Morgan, Edward Preston, Wendy Warren
- Guest: Marlene Preston for Wendy Warren

Minutes -- Approval of the June 21 meeting minutes – Marlene Preston

A motion to approve was made and seconded; the minutes were approved.

Member update -- Edward Preston is absent today due to a heart attack late June. Council members send their good wishes for his recovery.

Staff update – John Lanford

- Contractors for the chimney repair are still being solicited. The deadline for bidding will pass before the next Council meeting.
- Financial books for 2022 are closed. Current Council balance is \$26,124.15.
- Funds do accumulate interest as a whole in Botetourt County account, not individual HGPAC account.

Supervisor's Report - Steve Clinton

No report

Historic Greenfield Video – Danny Kyle

- Seven plaques have been provided to participants.
- Jim Johnston suggested that Council should pay for the plaques in recognition of work related to Council. He indicated that Danny Kyle has been gracious across the years to participants of this and other projects. *A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Kyle for approximately \$280.00. Council approved the motion.*

Legacy Committee – Edward Preston

No report

Brick Pavers Fundraiser – Beth Pappas

No report

Preservation Botetourt – Beth Pappas

Charms are available in gold or silver with a picture of the courthouse for \$15 each. The proceeds will help pay for the storage unit for Greenfield artifacts, currently paid privately by Danny Kyle and Steve Clinton.

Jim Johnston suggested that storage building fee should be paid by Greenfield funds. Discussion followed, including consideration of discount available for annual payment. Keith McMurry confirmed that a discount is available. *A motion was made and seconded to cover the costs of the storage unit, beginning in August 2022, with an annual payment up to \$1500 per year, based on current monthly payment of \$123. Council approved the motion.*

Danny Kyle remains as point person for Council with access to the building.

Trex – Cheryl Sullivan-Willis

A delivery is planned next week with thanks to Beth Pappas for her help with a van. Keith McMurray has already made a delivery. Jim Johnston thanked Cheryl Sullivan-Willis for providing storage. Council members were reminded that the project uses only plastic with the numbers 1, 2, or 4 on the bag. Bags should be clean and may be dropped off inside or on the porch.

Former Member Recognition – Lynne Bolton

No report

Grants – Roblyn Brand

- Greenfield wouldn't qualify for the Virginia Black Indigenous and People of Color Historic Preservation Fund; Botetourt County might.
- Steve Clinton and John Landford discussed process for becoming a Certified Local Government with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.
- Home Depot/Lowes might make donations or offer supplies at a discount. Steve Clinton suggested checking with the County.
- Roblyn Brand suggested a sponsors' plaque to publicize donations.

Old Business

- Jim Johnston suggested that the Council might consider next steps so that Council can identify a project and ask for support. A discussion ensued, including the following possibilities:
 - Raise awareness so that people in the area know that we're here; engage with companies in the industrial park. Share drawings, seek sponsorships, identify on plaque as support is given.
 - The Manager's House could be put into useable condition as a visitor reception center.
 - The patio could be done quickly and would be the easiest thing to do now.
 - Seek annual contributions from corporations, especially our neighbors in the Greenfield Industrial Park.
 - Invite representatives of local companies to a cocktail hour and make a presentation of our recent video by Ian Kyle.

- Eldor announcement included appreciation for Botetourt history. We can emphasize how help from local companies can benefit them too.
- Mr. Clinton reminded the group that council serves the County; we need to coordinate efforts.
- A committee will be created at the next Council meeting to brainstorm/plan.

New Business

- Council members discussed various public events at which they might publicize the efforts at Greenfield:
 - Fincastle Festival, Sept. 24
 - Buchanan Mountain Magic, Oct 1-2
 - Sunflower Festival – 2nd and 3rd week of Sept
- Danny Kyle asked about sharing the video while the copyright is in progress. John Lanford indicated that the video could be shared with select people. Council will wait for official copyright before sharing more broadly.

Adjourned -- 4:26

<p>Next meeting Tuesday August 16, 2022 Attendance either in person or virtual</p>
