

BROWN-FISHER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

The Brown-Fisher Association, Inc. held its second quarterly meeting on April 9, 2016 at the home of Larry Brown in China Grove, NC. President Stephen W. Brown called the meeting of order at 11:00 a.m. Thank you to the Larry Brown family for the brunch before our meeting.

President Brown welcomed three new board members: Debbie Brown Taylor, Paul Bryan Walker and Doug Robinson.

Present: President Stephen Brown, Patricia B. Beck, Norman Ribelin, Rod Kesler, Ann Bostian, Linda Shelton, Larry Brown, Sarah Brown, Candace Brown, Keith Wolf, S. Deane Brown, Debbie B. Taylor, Paul Walker & Doug Robinson. Absent: Juanita Lagg and Cathy Kirchin.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Minutes for the last meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer Larry Brown distributed copies of the 2015 Financial report. Larry led members through the figures, answering questions about our financial status. Our Bank has a new name: Yadkin Bank.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Juanita Lagg is at the Lutheran Home following surgery and submitted no report.

PARKING LOT PROJECT - The new parking lot at the Old Stone House is 95% finished. Some signage is still needed. Greenery will be planted. A Boy Scout project of building a bridge from the parking lot to the Braun/Brown cemetery has been discussed. There were questions from members that Larry and Norman answered. The parking lot is being used and has been a great asset to the activities at the Old Stone House. Larry Brown announced that excess fencing left from the new fence will be installed along the woods on the right of the driveway at the Old Stone House. The total cost of the parking lot is \$64,376.99. We need \$12,133.38 in donations to clear the debt. A motion was made by Stephen Brown that an Old Stone House Improvement Fund be created and that any donations more than the amount needed to settle the debt for the parking lot project be allocated to this fund. Motion was seconded by Paul Walker. After discussion, the motion carried. Keith Wolfe then made a motion to issue a formal thank you to Larry Brown and Norman Ribelin for their two years of hard work, knowledge gathering and dedication to making the parking lot a reality. Candace Elliott Brown seconded the motion. After no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

ROWAN MUSEUM REPORT - Stephen Brown announced that Rowan Museum had hired Aaron Kopley as Kaye Brown Hirst's replacement as Executive Director. Stephen recommended that Brown-Fisher Board of Directors officially welcome Aaron. (I sent Aaron an e-mail. He would

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like to meet all the Directors at our next meeting.) As a Brown & Fisher descendant, Aaron will continue the tradition Kaye established.

OLD STONE HOUSE GROUNDS LONG TERM PLAN - There has been a lot of discussion that the next project at the Old Stone House be the construction of a Welcome Center. The caretaker's house could be moved, torn down or remodeled into a museum. Or a building like the one at Granite Lake might suit the purpose and could be built so that future expansions could be done to enclose it for a museum of Brown and Fisher archives.

2016 REUNION: 1916 is believed to be the first year of the Fisher reunion. No minutes or newspaper articles have been found, but a 1917 newspaper article stated that 1917 was the second annual reunion. A motion was made by Sarah Brown to hold the 2016 Reunion on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the Old Stone House. Motion was seconded by Ann Bostian. After no discussion, motion passed. A motion was presented by Candace Elliott Brown that the 2016 reunion be a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Fisher Family Reunions. Deane Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion, motion carried unanimously. Reunion plans will be discussed at the next meeting.

EDITOR'S REPORT - Editor Cathy Kirchen was unable to attend today's meeting. But sent a report that she is working on a newsletter which to go out in May 2016. The newsletter about the reunion will be sent out in August 2016. Remember Carol needs articles for the newsletter!

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting closed at 12:30 p.m. Another meeting will be scheduled to finish plans for the reunion.

Epecially submitted,

Patricia B. Beck
Secretary