

BROWN-FISHER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

The third quarterly meeting of the Brown-Fisher Association (the Association) was held on September 21, 2017. President Stephen W. Brown called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the former caretaker's house, since most of the meeting was discussing the future of the property.

President Stephen Brown furnished breakfast from Bo-Jangles: biscuits, cinnamon buns, coffee, and carbonated drinks. Thank you, Stephen!!! Thank you to Larry Brown and Norman Ribelin for setting up the room for our meeting.

PRESENT: Stephen W. Brown, S. Deane Brown, Patricia B. Beck, Larry Brown, Cathy Kirchin, Keith Wolf, Norman Ribelin, Debbie Taylor, Paul Bryan Walker, Rod Kesler, Sarah Z. Brown, Sandra Phillips and Aaron Kepley Absent: Juanita Lagg, Linda Shelton, Candace Brown, Carolyn Miller, Ken Clifton and Doug Robinson.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 15 June 2017 meeting were distributed and approved.

TREASURER: Larry Brown distributed copies of the current financial report. Our current balance is \$89,601. \$368.00 was profit from the 2017 reunion. \$2,100 in profits from the 2017 German Fest food booth was added to the General Improvement account. Thank you, Larry, Norman and Sarah.

MEMBERSHIP: Juanita Lagg was unable to attend. There was no report.

COLUMBARIUM IN OLD STONE HOUSE CEMETERY: President Steven Brown suggested that we investigate the possibility of building a columbarium to store ashes of deceased descendants in Braun/Brown cemetery on the Old Stone House property. Keith Wolf will contact the town of Granite Quarry for information.

FUTURE OF CARETAKER'S HOUSE: Norman Ribelin gave a report on issues involved with the proposed Phase #1 of this project:

1. Water and sewer - Should we connect with the Town of Granite Quarry to obtain water and sewer or stick with current well and septic tank?
2. Roof - Entire roof needs replacement.
3. Front porch and step – Should we prop them up now and remove them later?
4. Exterior Paint - Entire house needs to be repainted.
5. Possible Termites in house - Aaron will order a termite inspection to determine if there's infestation.
6. Property clean-up - The back property needs extensive cleaning. Stephen appointed a committee of himself, Norman and Larry to evaluate.

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ROWAN MUSEUM'S SUGGESTIONS: Aaron Kepley, speaking on behalf of Rowan Museum, proposed that the house be preserved and enhanced with the following:

1. Four new bathrooms (handicap?),
2. A room for the Brown-Fisher archives,
3. A kitchen for future catering space, and
4. Storage space.

He also recommended that we immediately proceed with clearing land for placement of the McCombs log cabin. Aaron agreed to contact "Al"fred Wilson, a local contractor who specializes in historic property preservation, to obtain a structural review of the house. Larry Brown suggested that the Master Plan be revised.

Norman Ribelin made a motion that the Association provide a maximum of \$10,000 to cover expenses for a professional structural assessment of the house and roof as well as to make repairs to allow for better use of the facility. Motion was seconded by Sarah Brown. Motion carried.

SURVEYOR SCAN PROGRAM: Norman Ribelin further discussed his new scan program presented to the board at the last meeting. The computer program is very interesting.

ROWAN MUSEUM: Aaron Kepley gave a report on upcoming events at the Museum.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Our next quarterly meeting will be Saturday January 13, 2018 at the home of Sarah Z. Brown, 3040 Hwy 1952 W, China Grove, NC beginning at 10am. Brunch will be provided by the Larry Brown Family.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia B. Beck, secretary