

# Meeting Minutes

## South Amherst Historical Society

**Date:** February 20, 2025

**CALL to Order:** President, Bill Jones

**Time:** 6:16 pm

**Welcome message:** We conduct our meetings in a respectful manner, giving each their turn to fully speak, once recognized by the chair. We encourage participation and friendship inside and outside of our meetings and events.

**Purpose of meeting:** Regular Monthly Society Meeting

### Roll Call:

Member	Position	Present	Absent		Member	Position	Present	Absent
William Jones	President	X			Dennis Burdue	Member		X
VACANT	Vice President				Larry Jones	Member	X	
William Jones	Treasurer	X			Mandy DeWitt	Member	X	
Jen Denes	Secretary	X			David DeWitt	Member		X
Teri Lacock	Board Member	X			Tara Dewitt	Visitor	X	
Trish Hembree	Board Member	X			Sarah Schmitz	Member	X	
Lynn Schmitz	Board Member	X			Sue Paller	Member	X	
VACANT	Board Member				Cindy Kilgore	Member	X	
Claude Griffith	Board Member	X			Pat Baier	Member		X*
Peggy Nesbit	Member	X			Patty Baier	Member		X*
Dan Bozicevich	Member		X*		Nicole Hembree	Visitor	X	
Penny Becker	Member	X						

X\*excused

### **Secretary Updates** – Jen Denes

Meeting minutes will no longer be recorded or emailed out to the membership, they will be available on the Historical Society website only.

### **Financial Business** – Bill Jones

Citing the Society Bylaws Article VII, Financial Administration, Section 3 Financial Statements, financial reports are to be provided to the Board of Directors only as specified, monthly, end of the fiscal year, and in circumstances that warrant it.

### **Obituaries**

#### **Michael Godfrey**

February 24, 1963-January 24, 2025, Born in Lorain, Raised in South Amherst. Graduated from South Amherst High School class of 1981. Michael worked 32 years at Riddell in Elyria

## **Trinia Kimble**

August 25, 1985- January 31, 2025, Firelands High School graduate class of 2003, Lived in Lorain grew up in South Amherst

### **Business Meeting**

- **School and South Amherst Ornaments** - Jen  
Overwhelming response. Discuss cost of additional ornaments/price breaks  
Approval to order additional ornaments \_\_Peggy\_\_ motion approved  
\_\_\_\_unanimous\_\_\_\_
- **Fall Fest** - Lynn  
Discuss caterer options and vote  
Two caterers were suggested for Fall Fest  
Fligners, and Sterks  
Mandy made a motion to vote  
Sterks was voted unanimous
- **Website** - Lynn  
Updates have been made to the website.
  - Removed all transactional processes
  - Removed the "Shop" category
  - 2024/25 meeting minutes have been loaded to the website
- **Alumni Association** - Lynn  
Use of the 1975 pic for the alumni banquet, and basket raffle request for the banquet by Jerry Bozicevich  
Approval to use the 1975 pic \_\_\_\_Trish\_\_ Approval for donation \_\_unanimous\_\_\_\_  
Made an official request to set up a historical society table at the alumni banquet, approval pending vote at the next alumni meeting.  
The historical society to donate a basket at the alumni banquet. Cindy made the motion for a vote, the Society voted unanmoius
- **NOPEC** - Bill  
Grant update & discussion
- No Grant for this year
- **FHOF Donation Bill**
  - The Historical Society looked at being a donor
  - Participation to get our name out in the community

- Cindy made a motion to vote
- Society voted unanimous

- **Bylaw Review** - Lynn

Meeting took place with Peggy, Jen and Lynn on Feb 13th. We have shared the proposed bylaws via email. We will review printed copies tonight, collect feedback and deliver updates via email by Friday evening. Please make this a priority to review as we need to get them in place and registered with the state.

- **Additional Fundraising Ideas (All)**

Steins, Wine glasses, Tee-Shirts, Society needs to apply for a Cemetery Grant by the end of July. Civil War Solider Gravestone at Evergreen Cemetery needs to be restored. Lynn spoke with Laurie Beran, an email to the mayor will start the process of gaining approval to repair the stone.

**Scholarship**

South Amherst Historical Society discussed the option of opening a scholarship in their name, Reaching out into the community/ getting our name out there, Reaching out into the Firelands Community making a positive impact. The Scholarships the Society donation to the Firelands Hall of Fame and The South Amherst Alumni Scholarships Motioned to vote

Jen motioned to vote

Society to approved the motion to move forward

**Important Dates:**

Purpose	Date / Time	Location
March Monthly Meeting	Thursday, March 20, 2025	Firelands BOE Offices
CED Meeting	Tuesday March 4, 2025	S.A. Town hall

**Adjournment:** Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Mandy \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted  
by \_\_\_\_\_ unanimous \_\_\_\_\_.

**Time:** \_\_8:08\_\_pm