

Board of Directors
Boone County Historical Society
September 16, 2025

Board Members present: Gina DelRose (President), Jeff Walton (Vice President), Heidi Thacker (Secretary), Sonya Dobberfuhr (Treasurer), Jenny Breckenridge, Micki Ernest, Sue Holmes, Gail Jacky, Jason Sanford

Past President present: Carol Rowe

Board members absent: Don Banks, Toni Ellingson, Cheryl Lindberg, Cindy Poulter

Staff present: Natali Monaghan

The meeting was called to order by President Gina DelRose at 5:35 PM. Roll Call, the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Gina DelRose, and recitation of the Society Mission Statement followed.

Secretary's Report

- No additions or corrections were requested for the minutes of the July 2025 meeting. Motion was made by Gail Jacky and seconded by Jenny Breckenridge to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Sonya distributed a newly redesigned Statement of Financial Position, offering an abbreviated and easier-to-read picture of the Society's financial standing.
- The year-to-date (August 31) balance in the Society's checking account is \$12,497.77, while that in the Funderburg House checking account is \$4,120.57.
- The BCHS Endowment account and Funderburg Maintenance Fund (\$394,690.61 and \$323,815.77, respectively) were included in the statement, as these are the accounts from which we can withdraw money.
- A clarification was requested regarding Exhibit Signage being listed under income in the Society P&L, since the balance shows -\$6,661.14. Sonya will explore moving the line item to the Expense category.
- Also in the Income category, the negative balance in the Museum Rental line item reflects money owed to the District.
- Year-to-date income for the Society totals \$13,294.41; expense total is -\$43,653.05. Net is -\$23,697.50.
- Year-to-date income total for the Funderburg House is \$6,309.66, while the expense total stands at -\$27,555.77. Net is -\$21,246.11.
- A motion was made by Jason Sanford and seconded by Jenny Breckenridge to file the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

District Report – No District board member present. Report was presented by Natali.

- Work on the ducts around the cabin begins tomorrow.
- The District is seeking proposals for a new air conditioning system that would include the basement. The District board chose to install a completely new system rather than use mini-splits.
- The architects Ollmann and Ernest will be involved.
- The District, which still owes \$600,000 for the addition of the Grand Gallery, will need to seek out a loan to cover the cost of the new air conditioning system. After a lengthy discussion about the air conditioning unit, the Society board considered options for supporting the District. Natali will investigate the possibility of applying for a facility improvement grant.

Museum Staff Report

- A grant request was submitted by Natali to BCCF to help pay for an audio and written tour of the museum, as well as its translation into Spanish.
- The new exhibit “Handmade and Horse-Drawn” is nearing completion. A membership-exclusive tour will be offered on October 23. This tour will be followed by a ribbon-cutting with the Chamber of Commerce at a later date.
- A wedding will be held at the Funderburg House in October. Another couple has shown an interest in booking the House, as well.

Committee Reports

- Membership Committee:
 - No news. Committee has not met.
- Off-site Liaison Committee:
 - Washington Academy will be holding a Hispanic heritage affair on September 25. Natali arranged for some of our brochures to be translated into Spanish for distribution at the festival.
- Oral History Committee:
 - No updates. Committee has not met.
- Fundraising Committee:
 - A low-key Christmas cocktail party will be held at the Funderburg House on December 13. A German theme will be adopted, with the Choraliers performing German music; German food, including cookies, will be offered. The goal is to keep the event fee low in order to attract more people. Giving guests the option to participate in a White Elephant gift exchange may be offered, as well.
 - Natali discussed the possibility of holding a Christmas family event at the museum, which would include photos with Santa.
 - There will be a live blue spruce Christmas tree in front of the Funderburg House this year. It is likely that the City will be cutting down and transporting the tree.
 - Including a Santa Claus sing-along in Christmas festivities was also suggested.
 - Natali requested a vote on transferring \$30,000 from the principal in the BCCF account to the Funderburg House checking account to cover costs through the remainder of 2025 and into most of 2026. This money would help pay for utilities. A motion was made by Sue

Holmes and seconded by Jenny Breckenridge to transfer \$30,000 from the BCCF account to the Funderburg House checking account. Motion carried.

- Natali proposed prioritizing efforts to attract additional weddings to the Funderburg House in the coming year as a means of increasing revenue. It was further recommended that we seek endowments.

Old Business

- District Cooperative Agreement, Collections Policy
 - A vote on the new Collections Policy was requested. Sonya Dobberfuhr moved to approve the policy, subject to grammatical corrections suggested by Gail. Gail Jacky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

- Sonya informed the board that Bri Carlson will be leaving her position as Museum Assistant sometime between now and July, 2026, as she will be turning 26 and, therefore, will lose her health insurance coverage under her mother. An executive session was requested to discuss her position. Motion was made by Sue Holmes and seconded by Jeff Walton to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Jason Sanford and seconded by Sonya Dobberfuhr to adjourn the executive session. Motion carried. Session adjourned at 7:09 PM.
- A motion was made by Jenny Breckenridge and seconded by Sue Holmes to adjourn the Board meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.
- The next meeting will be October 21, 2025, at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Thacker

September 17, 2025

