

Board of Directors
Boone County Historical Society
June 16, 2026

Board Members present: Gina DelRose (President), Heidi Thacker (Secretary), Sonya Dobberfuhl (Treasurer), Jenny Breckenridge, Denise Hauser, Sue Holmes, Gail Jacky, Carol Rowe

Board members absent: Jeff Walton (Vice President), Toni Ellingson, Cheryl Lindberg, Cindy Poulter, Zach Yakey

Staff present: Natali Monaghan

The meeting was called to order by President Gina DelRose at 5:36 PM. Roll Call, the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Gina DelRose, and recitation of the Society Mission Statement followed.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Carol Rowe and seconded by Jenny Breckenridge to accept the minutes from the May 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

District Report

- Natali reported there is an issue with airflow involving the printer room. It may be necessary to remove a window to improve flow.
- The District will vote on their new budget on June 17.

Museum Staff Report

- Bri has taken over the task of organizing information for and posting on social media.
- Events update:
 - The Art Fair is scheduled for June 28. So far, there are 23 artists participating.
 - Gail will be presenting a lecture on Thursday, June 25, at 6 PM. The lecture is entitled "Summer Festivals Before the Bicentennial."
 - Carol's second installment of historic Belvidere homes will be June 18. Small flyers will be distributed to remind Society members of the meeting/luncheon on July 12.
- Exhibit update: new mannequins have been ordered, received, and assembled.
- Gail provided updates for the audio tour of the museum, and Natali will send them to the translators.
- It was suggested that individuals displaying quilts at the upcoming quilt show provide a brief description of each quilt, including its history and significance. Raffle tickets will be available at the membership meeting for members who wish to assist with ticket sales. Carol will make an announcement regarding the raffle during the meeting.

Committee Reports

- Membership Committee

- Natali will send a copy of the Membership Meeting/Luncheon food sign-up list to participants as a reminder of the items they volunteered to bring.
- Off-Site Liaison Committee
 - The Museum will be participating in the Back-to-School event at the Community Building on August 17, at 4:00 PM.
 - Gail will also be representing the Museum on July 21, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Health Department Farmers' Market at Sundstrand Park.
- Oral History Committee
 - The recording devices are ready to hand out. Natali will schedule a meeting.
- Fundraising Committee
 - Clue and Fondue will be held July 25. Tickets have already been sold – about 20, so far.
- Volunteer Committee
 - There is a meeting scheduled for June 20 at the Funderburg House for all the volunteers for Clue and Fondue.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Gina reported on a meeting, concerning the Sullivan Trust, that was held at the library– attendees included Mindy from the Ida Public Library, Gina, John Maville from the Belvidere Cemetery Association Board, and Brent from the Rock River Valley YMCA. Thus far, the Historical Society, library, and cemetery have not signed the contract presented by the RRV YMCA, although the Salvation Army has signed. After the meeting, Gina had a one-on-one conversation with Brent, advising him of the importance of engaging with members of the community and expanding outreach activities.
- Following the meeting with Brent, a separate meeting was held with Natali, Gina, John Maville, and Sam Larson. The purpose was to notify Lois Ramon, attorney for the Sullivan Trust, that the contract would not be signed, as is. It was noted that the Sullivan Trust Board had not met since 2018, and it was determined that a board meeting should be scheduled to review and clarify certain provisions of the original trust document. Gina expressed her willingness to continue serving as the Historical Society's representative on the Sullivan Trust Board, even though her term expires at the end of the year. Sue Holmes moved to appoint Gina as the Society's representative, and Denise Hauser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Melissa Erickson of the BCCF has offered to attend a Society meeting to discuss strategies for growing the organization's assets and strengthening its financial position. Gina asked board members to consider whether a meeting in July or August would be preferable.

Treasurer's Report

- Sonya explained that the Exhibit and Signage line item was moved to expenses, per the conversation at last month's meeting. Also, a new category (line item) was created to cover subscriptions paid by the Society.
- The corrections needed on grant money have not been implemented yet.
- Last year's bonuses were not paid until March 2026.

- Year-to-date income (as of April 2026) for the Society was \$10,891.22, with expenses amounting to \$34,360.38; net is -\$23,469.16. The Society checking account balance is \$26,148.58.
- The checking account balance for the Funderburg House is \$16,899.00. Year-to-date (April 2026) income for the Funderburg house is \$2,542.18, while expenses total \$15,794.00. Net is -\$13,251.81.
- Current fund balances are \$372,852.58 in the BCHS Endowment and \$296,439.89 in the Funderburg Maintenance Fund.
- Sonya explained that money needs to be pulled from the BCHS Endowment to fund museum expenses for the remainder of the year. After careful calculation, Sonya estimated that a transfer in the range of \$20,000 to \$25,000 would meet the current need. After discussion, a motion was made by Carol Rowe and seconded by Jenny Breckenridge to transfer \$20,000 from the BCHS Endowment Fund to the Society checking account. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Sue Holmes to file the treasurer's report; a second was made by Jenny Breckenridge. Motion carried.

Executive Session

- A motion was made by Jenny Breckenridge and seconded by Carol Rowe to enter executive session to discuss Bri's museum assistant position. Motion carried.
- After deliberation, a motion was made by Sue Holmes and seconded by Jenny Breckenridge to leave executive session at 7:25 PM.
- Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Gail Jacky outside executive session to eliminate the Museum Assistant position, effective July 31, 2026. Jenny Breckenridge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment

- Motion was made by Carol Rowe and seconded by Sue Holmes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held July 21, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Thacker

June 19, 2026

