Board of Directors
Boone County Historical Society
November 17, 2026

Board Members present: Gina DelRose (President), Jeff Walton (Vice President), Heidi Thacker (Secretary), Sonya Dobberfuhl (Treasurer), Bri Carlson, Elinor Ellingson, Toni Ellingson, Denise Hauser, Sue Holmes, Cindy Poulter, Carol Rowe

Board members absent: Jenny Breckenridge, Cheryl Lindberg

Staff present: Natali Ramboldt

The meeting was called to order by President Gina DelRose at 5:34 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 Denise Hauser to accept the minutes from the October 20, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Sonya presented the year-to-date Statement of Financial Position (10/31/2026) to the board. Checking account balances for the BCHS and the Funderburg House are $36,521.23 and $11,837.64, respectively.
- The restricted BCHS Endowment assets are currently $399,735.30; Funderburg House Endowment assets are $296,867.75.
- The year-to-date Profit and Loss report was distributed to all board members. The Society reported income of $39,566.01 (after subtracting the $20,000 transfer of funds) and expenses of $63,695.29. Funderburg House reported income of $5,371.09 (after subtracting the $20,000 transfer of funds) and expenses of $43,107.91. Net ordinary income for the BCHS is -$24,129.28; for the Funderburg House, net income is -$37,736.82.
- A motion was made by Sue Holmes and seconded by Carol Rowe to file the treasurer's report for audit. Motion carried.
- Members discussed potential ways to increase income and lower operating costs. One suggestion was to reduce reliance on Garden Prairie Lawn Maintenance by organizing volunteers to handle seasonal spring and fall cleanup and exploring more cost-effective options for snow removal during the winter months.
- Sonya is reviewing the organization's insurance coverage but needs additional property insurance figures to proceed. She plans to meet with insurance agent Dave Mace to obtain the necessary information.
- The 2027 budget was presented to the Board for a vote. After a short discussion about some of the budget entries, a motion was made by Toni Ellingson and seconded by Bri Carlson to approve the budget. Motion carried.

District Report

- The building now has a functioning heating system, although work still needs to be done on the flooring, ceiling, and wall, in accordance with the contract. The ductwork that was installed incorrectly has been fixed.

Museum Staff Report

- Discussion resumed regarding the thrift sale. Members suggested announcing the event at the General Membership Luncheon. The dates of March 18, 19, and 20, 2027, were chosen, with setup scheduled for the preceding Thursday. A members-only sale was proposed for March 18 and the morning of March 19, followed by a public sale beginning that afternoon and continuing through March 20. It was determined that clothing would not be included and that unsold items of value could be offered for sale on eBay.
- A grant in the amount of $5,000 was received from the Boone County Community Foundation. This money is designated for the new Greatest Generation Exhibit in the Turner Gallery.
- Progress continues on the oral history project, with interviews scheduled for November 24. Holly and Doug of Engine Studios, together with Natali, will meet with Rob Funderburg, Curt Tobin, and potentially John Wolf to record their personal histories. Rob Funderburg is contributing an additional $5,000, bringing his total support of the project to $10,000. Two more interviews are anticipated soon. The recordings will eventually be available for visitors to view at kiosks located throughout the museum. Grant funding will be explored to support additional interviews in the future.
- The Funderburg House is now fully decorated for Christmas. Christmas events will include Twilight Tours on December 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 5 to 7 PM; and a Sing-along with Santa at the House on December 5 from 9 to 11 AM, which will include hot cocoa and crafts. Also, the Funderburg House will host a casual Christmas cocktail party on December 12, from 6 to 9 PM, featuring the Choraliers and raffle baskets donated by local businesses and citizens.
- It was noted that Hometown Christmas will take place on December 4.

Committee Reports

- Membership Committee
    - A call list was distributed for the General Membership Luncheon scheduled for December 6. The menu was finalized, with each board member volunteering to contribute a designated dish. Carol will give a presentation during the luncheon, and it was decided that each member will receive a pen as a gift.
- Off-Site Liaison Committee
    - Nothing to report.
- Fundraising Committee
    - It was suggested that QR codes be placed throughout the museum during Hometown Christmas to encourage donations, as well as at the Funderburg House to allow visitors to vote for their favorite Christmas trees. The possibility of using Zeffy to facilitate these activities was also discussed.
    - It was also suggested that new members be offered a 50% discount on the three primary membership levels during Hometown Christmas.

- Volunteer Committee
    - Volunteers to man the museum are still needed for Hometown Christmas.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Executive Session

- At 6:45 PM, a motion was made by Toni Ellingson and seconded by Carol Rowe to enter executive session to discuss employee bonuses. Motion carried.
- A motion was made at 6:54 PM to leave executive session. Motion made by Sue Holmes and seconded by Cindy Poulter. Motion carried.

Vote on matter discussed in Executive Session

- A motion was made by Carol Rowe and seconded by Sonya Dobberfuhl to accept the bonus amounts discussed for Natali Ramboldt, Chris Gardner, and Quint Albrecht. Motion carried.

Adjournment

- Motion was made by Toni Ellingson and seconded by Carol Rowe to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held January 19, 2027. There will be no December 2026 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Thacker

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