

**Black Earth Historical Society
30th Annual Meeting**



**Sunday February 6, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
1022 Blue Mounds Street
Black Earth, Wisconsin**

**Officers – February 2021 thru February 2022
President Wayne Barsness
Vice President Harold Miller
Treasurer David Cooper
Secretary Jan Cowan**

Board of Directors

Terms expire February 2022

David Cooper
Gary Ballweg
Jan Schroeder
Shirley Williams

Terms expire February 2023

Lavonne Clason
Harold Miller
Jan Cowan
Debbie Ballweg

Terms expire February 2024

Wayne Barsness
Joan Turk
Brenda Carlson

President's Message

Welcome to the Black Earth Historical Society Annual Meeting. Our Society was founded in 1992, making this our 30th year. We will be highlighting this milestone, in a number of ways, throughout the year including another open house at the History Center on Blue Mounds Street.

2021 was yet another year of dealing with the Covid pandemic. Although difficult for all, we were able to resume our regular monthly meetings, open our Museum at the Depot, have our rummage sale, conduct two brat fries at the Shoe Box, have our first ever open house at the History Center, again host our Santa Sunday and do an in-restaurant Culver's Share event. Thank you to all Society members who provided their time and energy to make these activities a success.

The strength and viability of any organization is based on the time and efforts of its membership. We are very fortunate to have a large base of active members who are always willing to help. However, there are several Society members that need to be recognized for their outstanding efforts this year. Again, Gary and Debbie Ballweg continue their tireless service to the Society in a variety of ways. Including an outstanding effort in increasing our membership base and soliciting donations. Because of their efforts our membership has grown to nearly 250, including fourteen new lifetime memberships. They also took the lead on organizing the rummage sale, calendar sales, planning the open house and Santa Sunday. Thanks for your tremendous dedication!

Brenda Carlson again created another fantastic calendar filled with historic Black Earth photographs. She also produced the new signage for all the Museum displays. The Society is fortunate to have someone with her talent and ability to add such a professional touch to everything she works on.

We continue to have a strong presence on the internet and social media. Our Facebook page "Black Earth History," administered by Gary Ballweg, has over nine hundred members. He is continually posting photographs and content generating interest and comments from dozens of viewers.

Jennifer Klett continues to do a great job putting together our newsletter "The Depot Dispatch". She also is the lead webmaster of our Black Earth Historical Society webpage. The site is nearing two hundred hits per month and is a great source for local history and information about our Society.

BLACK EARTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2022 BUDGET

Approved by Board at
December 2021 and January 2022 Meetings

RECEIPTS:

Sales	\$ 350.00
Brat Sales	1,500.00
Donations	9,000.00
Dues	1,500.00
Memberships	4,000.00
Interest	85.00
Calendars	750.00
Rummage Sale	2,500.00
Concerts	500.00
Grants	9,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>50.00</u>
	\$29,235.00

EXPENSES:

Dues	\$ 100.00
Utilities	1,500.00
Heat	2,300.00
Insurance	850.00
Buildings/Grounds	6,000.00
Postage/Printing	500.00
Activities	250.00
Archiving	700.00
Technology	300.00
Miscellaneous (Includes Grant Disbursement)	<u>9,500.00</u>
	\$22,000.00

ESTIMATED SURPLUS: \$ 7,235.00

BLACK EARTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2021 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE – DECEMBER 31, 2020 \$33,999.70

RECEIPTS - 2021

Sales	\$ 395.20	
Brat Sales	1,737.44	
Donations	13,212.12	
Dues	2,860.00	
Memberships	6,913.93	
Interest	27.39	
Calendars	717.00	
Rummage Sale	3,791.25	
Concerts	0.00	
Grants	3,014.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>45.23</u>	
	\$32,713.56	+ <u>\$32,713.56</u>
		\$66,713.26

EXPENSES - 2021

Dues	\$ 45.00	
Utilities	1,522.38	
Heat	1,977.10	
Insurance	844.00	
Buildings/Grounds	10,609.84	
Postage/Printing	943.84	
Activities	329.31	
Archiving	0.00	
Technology	211.55	
Miscellaneous	<u>242.84</u>	
	\$16,725.86	- <u>\$16,725.86</u>

BALANCE – DECEMBER 31, 2021 \$49,987.40

2021 DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY

The Black Earth Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Therefore, gifts and monetary donations are deductible. We thank our members, volunteers, and friends for their continued support.

Benefactor Donations (\$5,000 and up)

Walking Iron Erectors (New roof project at the Museum at the Depot)

Steward Donations (\$2,000 - \$4,999)

David Cooper
Joan Skalet
Ann & Jeffrey Wick

Sustaining Donations (\$1,000 - \$1,999)

Debbie & Gary Ballweg
Susie & Wayne Barsness
Jamie & John Hallick
Arthur Jorgenson

Gold Donations (\$500 - \$999)

Kristin & Peter Antonie
John Bird
Cindy & Ken Brunner
Dry Fly Sales
Timothy Fosshage
Constance Hegerfeld
Rick Kindschi
Julie Schmitt
Mark Turner
Vermont Lutheran Church
Brenda & Vern Wendt
Sybil & Richard Wood

Silver Donations (\$300 - \$499)

Joanne & James Schultz

Bronze Donations (\$100 - \$299)

Tammy Adler
Associated Lawn & Landscaping Service
Kathleen Breunig
Sandra Coser
Anne & John Donaldson
Gunderson Camacho Funeral Home
Mary Beth Hall
Joan Haugen
Earl Hazeltine
Gloria & Thomas Hefty

BLACK EARTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board of Directors Meeting February 6, 2022

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Board Members
3. Minutes of February 3, 2021, Annual Meeting
4. Treasurer's Report – David Cooper
5. Proposed 2022 Budget
6. Election of Directors – Four Seats – Three Year Term Each
 - David Cooper
 - Gary Ballweg
 - Jan Schroeder
 - Shirley Williams
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment of Business Meeting