

**Black Earth Historical Society
31st Annual Meeting**



**Sunday February 5, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Black Earth History Center
1022 Blue Mounds Street
Black Earth, Wisconsin**

Officers – February 2022 thru February 2023

**President Wayne Barsness
Vice President Harold Miller
Treasurer David Cooper
Secretary Jan Cowan**

Board of Directors

Terms expire February 2023

Lavonne Clason
Harold Miller
Jan Cowan
Debbie Ballweg

Terms expire February 2024

Wayne Barsness
Joan Turk
Brenda Carlson

Terms expire February 2025

David Cooper
Gary Ballweg
Jan Schroeder
Shirley Williams

President's Message

Welcome to the Black Earth Historical Society Annual Meeting. 2022 marked the Society's 30th year and we continue to be a strong and active part of the Black Earth community.

Events and highlights of the past year include our annual meeting last February which was well attended. Local area historian Frank Wolf of Mazomanie was our speaker who gave an interesting and informative presentation about the construction and history of the railroad in our area.

At the end of February, we opened our Museum at the Depot for a winter "cabin fever reliever". This gave the opportunity for anyone who had not seen our displays in the summer of 2021 to get a last look before changes were made for the upcoming museum season.

In April our annual two-day rummage sale was a great success. A big thank you to all who donated items for the sale and to all society members who organized, set-up and worked this important fund-raising event.

Having two historic buildings, a large responsibility of the Society is to be sure they are properly maintained. In 2021 we had a new metal roof installed on our museum building. In 2022 we had the building painted. Painting of the building was completed in early June at a cost of \$8,200 and will help preserve this building for years to come.

In August, as part of the Village of Black Earth's annual Field Days celebration, we had an open house at our History Center and Museum. More than 100 people toured the History Center and we had over 50 visit the Museum. Many of those were first time visitors to our buildings and were pleasantly surprised to see our excellent displays, learn what we do and see much of what we have in our collection. Also, we had two entries in the parade. Vice President Harold Miller and society member Mary Nelson drove a 1949 Ford and society member Bryan Post a vintage Ford Bronco.

In October, we hosted the Black Earth Public Library's "Local Authors Fair" at the History Center. It included five authors from the area and was well attended. The former sanctuary of the History Center lends itself very well for this type of presentation and we, as a society, should utilize this area more for those purposes.

Our Culver's Share Event was held on November 22nd at the Cross Plains Culvers. This fund-raising event made the society over \$450 plus an additional \$77 in donations.

Santa Claus visited the History Center December 4th. The event is a yearly highlight for the society and the whole Black Earth community. Wagon rides, photos in Santa's workshop, letter writing to Santa, refreshments and, of course, a personal visit with Santa for the kids were enjoyed by all. 127 adults attended and 78 children got the opportunity to plead their case to Santa!

BLACK EARTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**31st Annual Meeting
February 5, 2023
Black Earth History Center**

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Board Members
3. Minutes of February 6, 2022, Annual Meeting
4. Treasurer's Report – David Cooper
5. Proposed 2023 Budget
6. Election of Directors – Four Seats – Three Year Term Each
 Lavonne Clason
 Harold Miller
 Jan Cowan
 Debbie Ballweg
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment of Business Meeting

**PROGRAM – “Glaciation of Southern Wisconsin” Presented by David M. Mickelson
Emeritus Professor of Geoscience, Geological Engineering and Water Resources Management
at the University of Wisconsin, Madison**

BLACK EARTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2022 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE – DECEMBER 31, 2021 \$49,987.40

RECEIPTS - 2021

Sales	\$ 95.00	
Brat Sales	1,703.28	
Donations	17,777.39	
Dues	2,850.00	
Memberships	8,450.00	
Interest	47.44	
Calendars	2,344.40	
Rummage Sale	5,483.35	
Concerts	(24.15)	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,933.20</u>	
	\$40,659.91	+ <u>\$40,659.91</u>
		\$90,647.31

EXPENSES - 2021

Dues	\$ 0.00	
Utilities	1,563.18	
Heat	2,898.25	
Insurance	885.00	
Buildings/Grounds	8,199.79	
Postage/Printing	499.23	
Activities	892.62	
Archiving	412.65	
Technology	169.76	
Miscellaneous	0.00	
BEVents	<u>5,900.00</u>	
	\$21,420.48	- <u>\$21,420.48</u>

BALANCE – DECEMBER 31, 2022 \$69,226.83

BLACK EARTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2023 BUDGET

Approved by Board at
December 2022 and January 2023 Meetings

RECEIPTS:

Sales	\$ 200.00
Brat Sales	1,500.00
Donations	9,000.00
Dues	2,500.00
Lifetime Memberships	2,000.00
Business Memberships	1,000.00
Interest	100.00
Calendars	1,200.00
Rummage Sale	2,500.00
Concerts/Annual Meeting	500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$21,500.00

EXPENSES:

Dues	\$ 100.00
Utilities	1,800.00
Heat	3,500.00
Insurance	900.00
Buildings/Grounds	7,000.00
Postage/Printing	500.00
Activities	1,000.00
Archiving	750.00
Technology	750.00
Miscellaneous	<u>750.00</u>
	\$17,050.00

ESTIMATED SURPLUS: \$ 4,450.00

BEHS FINANCIAL HISTORY - EXPENSES FROM 2018 TO 2022 AND THE 2023 BUDGET

RECEIPTS	2018 ACTUAL	2019 ACTUAL	2020 ACTUAL	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
SALES	\$ 71.15	\$ 10.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 395.20	\$ 350.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 200.00
BRAT SALES	756.28	1,150.41	-	500.00	1,737.44	1,500.00	1,703.28	1,500.00
DEPOT/DEPOT	322.69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DONATIONS	5,311.68	1,690.47	9,850.03	1,500.00	13,212.12	9,000.00	17,777.39	9,000.00
DUES	440.00	490.00	1,435.00	600.00	2,860.00	1,500.00	2,850.00	2,500.00
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS			1,400.00	1,000.00	6,913.93	4,000.00	4,500.00	2,000.00
BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS							3,950.00	1,000.00
INTEREST	193.68	328.64	218.05	55.00	27.39	85.00	47.44	100.00
CALENDARS			2,209.99	1,000.00	717.00	750.00	2,344.40	1,200.00
RUMMAGE SALES	625.86	549.20	1,260.87	1,000.00	3,791.25	2,500.00	5,483.35	2,500.00
CONCERT/ANNUAL MT.	1,224.79	1,226.59	-	750.00	-	500.00	(24.15)	500.00
GRANTS	662.00		-	-	3,014.00	9,000.00		
MISC	2,500.00	2,525.83	316.43	50.00	45.23	50.00	1,933.20	1,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 12,108.13	\$ 7,971.14	\$ 16,975.37	\$ 6,555.00	\$ 32,713.56	\$ 29,235.00	\$ 40,659.91	\$ 21,500.00

EXPENSES	2018 ACTUAL	2019 ACTUAL	2020 ACTUAL	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET
DUES	\$ 90.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
UTILITIES	1,183.68	1,293.01	1,268.26	1,300.00	1,522.38	1,500.00	1,563.18	1,800.00
HEAT	2,127.31	2,338.26	1,784.36	2,300.00	1,977.10	2,300.00	2,898.25	3,500.00
INSURANCE	760.00	781.00	802.00	802.00	844.00	850.00	885.00	900.00
BUILD/GROUNDS	111.25	2,148.28	4,734.62	6,000.00	10,609.84	6,000.00	8,199.79	7,000.00
POSTAGE/PRINT	277.09	359.43	298.12	300.00	943.84	500.00	499.23	500.00
ACTIVITIES	200.00	200.00	50.00	200.00	329.31	250.00	892.62	1,000.00
ARCHIVING	1,802.85		119.34	700.00	-	700.00	412.65	750.00
MISCELLANEOUS	2,547.99	2,557.62	-	-	242.84			750.00
GRANTS						9,500.00		
TECHNOLOGY	222.43	34.95	134.71	300.00	211.55	300.00	169.76	750.00
BEVENTS							5,900.00	
TOTALS	\$ 9,322.60	\$ 9,777.55	\$ 9,281.41	\$ 12,002.00	\$ 16,725.86	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 21,420.48	\$ 17,050.00

YEAR	CHANGE	BALANCE	YEAR	CHANGE	BALANCE
2018	\$ 2,785.53	\$ 28,112.15	2021	\$ 15,987.70	\$ 49,987.40
2019	\$ (1,806.41)	\$ 26,305.74	2022	\$ 19,239.43	\$ 69,226.83
2020	\$ 7,693.96	\$ 33,999.70	2023		

2022 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.

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

David Cooper

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

Gold Donations (\$500 - \$999)

Allan & Michele Mickelson

Julie Schmitt

Lenore White

Beverly & Donald Ripp

David Schultz Sr.

Sandra Bennett

Joanne Skalet

Wayne Barsness

Black Earth Lanes

Pellitteri Waste Systems

Culver's – Cross Plains

Silver Donations (\$300 - \$499)

Bronze Donations (\$100 - \$299)

Don & Kathy Olson

Kevin Tvedt

Rita & Duane Ketelboeter

Marlene Ludolph

Debra & Amy Wussow

Carl & Sylvia Rolfs

Diane & Jerry Poe "In Memory of Norbert & Wylina Kerl"

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Duane & Ginny Mellum

Debbi & Gary Ballweg

Dennis Lucey

Steve "Itch" Schmitt

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Dennis Cooper

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Mary Nelson

Dr. Linnea Smith

Steve & Barb Parrell

Dana Parker

Janet Cvikota Renschler

John & Jennifer Klett

Wayne & Susie Barsness

Town & Country Insurance Services

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Village Family Dental Associates

The Shack

Symdon Chevrolet of Mount Horeb

R.P. Adler's Pub & Grill - Madison

Miller & Sons Supermarket - Mt. Horeb

Wright Mechanical - Randy Wright

The Shoe Box

Cardinal Glass - Mazomanie

Mazo Hardware

Premier Cooperative

Plastic Ingenuity - Cross Plains

Crystal Donation (\$50 - \$99)

John Trager

Lee Ann & Charles Brunner

John & Eileen Bonine

Michelle Jahn

Marilyn DeWitt
Eric & Joanie Haugen
Beverly Brunner & William Parrell
Dianne Schuman-Liljenberg
Kathy Akey
Mary Behan
Charlotte (Sue) Helgeson
Yvonne Stults
Glenn Stensby
Gerald & Jacqueline Wendt
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Hoofbeat Ridge Camps
Black Earth Children's Museum

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