

Minutes of 2-28-2012 Board Meeting of Ortonville Community Historical Society

Meeting called to order at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. Members present were Dean Salley, Mary Alice Seelbinder, Judy Miracle, Larry Lang, and Ken Bush

Ken and Mary Alice moved to approve the agenda. Carried.

Treasurers report: we have sold three maps - \$55 has been taken in. We paid \$10 each for these through Oakland County. Mary Alice made a motion to approve Treasurers report as written, Judy seconded. Carried.

Larry Lang informed us that the OCHS has been dropped as a 501-3C, apparently because we have not completed the forms to renew our organization. We got a letter stating this, we don't remember getting the notice. We must pay \$400 as of October 11, 2011, to reinstate us. This used to be \$100 in 2006 when we first were installed. We have gone to Terry Beltramo of Brandon Township, and asked what can he do? Dean will pursue this question.

Regarding the newsletter; add Linden Historical Society in the address list. Also put a copy of the tax form in the next issue.

Indian Dress: Judy reported she has been able to get some information on the damage. It is not bat or bird dung; it is some kind of solvent that must have been spilled or leaked onto the dress. Frances Faille, a restorer for the Detroit Institute of Arts is now assessing the extent of the damage and what it would take to repair it.

Cleaning of the Mill; Saturday 3/31/2012 @ 9:00 - 2:00, or when finished. Bring rags and a bucket.

OCHS - Awards Dinner and Spring Kick-Off - Tuesday, April 3rd @ 6:00 pm. Pot Luck; the Old Mill will supply the meat (hot dogs); everyone bring a dish to pass and plates, tableware.

School Tours - spread the word; Judy will make a brochure to solicit groups in the Ortonville school area. Charge \$3 per child. motion by Mary Alice and supported by Ken to above. Carried.

Speakeres - we need 4 to cover the year. The following was suggested:

- The mushroom guy
- Community gardening or organic gardening
- The local cable station (99 is Brandon)
- Wildflowers

It was suggested we have tents behind the Mill at Septemberfest and serve corn on the cob. We need grills made for this.

Displays in the Museum: we need to make changes periodically to these. Think about it. Is there a way we can borrow from big museums?

Paint the Mill: John Lyons, village manager will work with us to paint the outside; we have the paint, we need to pick it up from SherwinWilliams Paint store.

Membership - how can we make a membership drive? It was suggested a website; a Margaret Heller had control of a website which included the OCHS. Maybe try to get with the township and have a link with theirs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Ken, supported by Mary Alice.

PS: Ron Turnbull has passed away yesterday, Monday, and will be at Coats Funeral Home, Thursday and Friday with funeral Saturday. need to send flowers; Dean will handle it.

*Respectfully submitted,
Judy Miracle*