

## Ortonville Community Historical Society; Minutes of Board Meeting of 7-31-12

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Pres. Dean Salley with the pledge; present: Judy Miracle, Ken Bush, Larry Lang, Marilyn Featherston, visitor: Bob Mullen

Marilyn moved and seconded by Ken to accept the agenda. Carried.

Ken brought up we made a resolution last fall to have presentations on a non-meeting night. Dean will research.

Larry noted the *Military Helmet* presentation has been changed to August 14<sup>th</sup> during the last general membership meeting. Dean clarified that it was originally scheduled for Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> and that has been put in the Citizen newspaper now, so we will go with that date. So, on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Taylor Dietz will show helmets, provided by Lee Stewart.

Minutes of General Membership meeting last. Marilyn made a motion to approve, Larry seconded. Carried.

Treasurer report: Larry noted the biggest expenses this month has been postage and office supplies. Judy made a motion to approve treasurer's report, Marilyn seconded. Carried.

Proposal by Bob Mullen from Pro Sign Sales to purchase a 14 line sign with 300 letters to help with our communication. It would cost \$159. Ken made a motion to take this proposal to the membership meeting, Marilyn seconded. Carried. He donated a white sign with red lettering that states "Open for Business" on one side and "Closed" on the other.

Water in the basement: Ken reported there is NONE.

Quilt: Marilyn and Judy took it to a certified appraiser in Bay City: it is NOT a Civil War quilt. Discussion was to display it, and several other quilts the Historical Society owns, in the new wing. Marilyn will investigate if we could borrow 2-3 quilt racks for display purposes from the Methodist Church. She said we could get a display together in about 3 weeks of up to 12 quilts.

Indian dress: Marilyn motioned to display the dress as-is in a proper size case. Seconded by Judy. Carried. Judy will measure the dress and get these measurements to Dean Salley to have the Woodworkers Club begin constructing a case.

Wildflower Presentations - Ken noted it didn't bring the outside visitors to the Mill as was hoped.

Shingles for the roof of the Mill; Dean will talk to the village about this progressing.

Tour Guides: Marilyn showed an old 1997 self-guided tour packet; it was suggested someone go through the museum and update it so we could hand that to visitors if there is no one to guide them, or if they would like to roam around alone.

Putty to replace the old on the schoolhouse windows on the outside; Marilyn moved we spend up to \$100 on putty and paint for the outside of the school. Seconded, Carried.

Recycling: Ken reported a recycling metal business is in town, *Something Green*, located on Wolf Ct. Ortonville. They buy scrap metal. Ken suggested we collect metal here at the Museum and turn it in as a fundraiser for the Mill. Ken would take responsibility for putting a collection container in the Mill and taking

it to *Something Green* for reimbursement. He suggested we would wash and flatten tin cans. Judy made a motion to accept this recycling activity as a fundraiser; Marilyn seconded. Carried.

Membership dues: There seems to be just a trickling of membership dues coming in and the Historical Society membership seems to be stagnant. Judy made a motion we send a reminder card to those members who have not renewed their membership in with the next newsletter. This would save postage and remind them they have not paid. The motion was seconded by Ken. Carried.

Ken made a motion to adjourn. Marilyn seconded. The meeting ended at 8:42 pm.