

Ortonville Community Historical Society
Board Meeting - April 30, 2013

Called to order at 7:03 by Judy Miracle with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Judy Miracle-Pres, Dean Salley-VP, Ken Bush, Aileen Champion, Mary Alice Seelbinder-trustees and treasurer - Larry Lang. Motion by Dean and support by Aileen to accept the agenda as printed.

Minutes of Dec. 4th meeting were read - a blacksmiths shop plans are available. Aileen is program chairman. Mary Alice moved to accept minutes from Dec. 4; seconded by Ken Bush - carried.

Treasurer's report - Larry reported IRS has still not cleared our 501-3c application but has accepted our check for \$100. Larry will make a call to speed the IRS up. Still not cleared.

Aileen made a motion to approve treasurers report, seconded by Mary Alice. Approved!

Creekfest - occurs June 29, 30th-Saturday and Sunday; Carnival at Harvey Fletcher Intermediate school. There will be vendors and a farmer's market all in the area of the Old Mill. Parade will end in front of the Old Mill. Dean made a motion to open Saturday morning and close on Sunday night. We will serve bean soup, hot dogs, strawberry shortcake. We will have crafts and school sessions in the Mann School. A blessing of the creek will occur at the foot of the Old Mill on Saturday. An essay by children will be chosen to determine a King and Queen; a coloring contest by the younger kids will be for the frog prince or princess. Fireworks will be at 10 pm Saturday night. We are sponsoring the Amos Orton look-alike contest. We wondered if there might be a church service on Sunday. No one knew about this.

Amos Orton look-alike contest. Discussion about what should be the prize for the winner. Mary Alice made a motion, seconded by Aileen to have a \$50 cash award and a 1 year family membership to the OCHS. Carried - 5 for, 0 against. Creekfest needs volunteers for both days.

New website - Judy created one for free: Andrea Turnbull will shut old one down. We used to be connected to the Chamber of Commerce. Free one:
www.ortonvillecommunityhistoricalsoc.weebly.com

Haunted Mystery Museum Theatre: Aileen suggested we do something like this to generate interest and participation in the OCHS. Maybe have something for October. Judy suggested contact Randy Adams of the DDA to participate in this project.

Wooden Toys: Dean will take this request to the Woodworkers Club to make and donate little wooden toys to sell in the Country Store; especially for the Creekfest event.

Usage of the Mill: It was discussed how we should proceed with allowing people to use the Mill. Suggestion: Donation of \$50 depending on how many people, hours, etc. A OCHS member in attendance to lock and unlock; may use kitchen, clean up by themselves, sign a responsible person form with date and time of event, name, phone #, address.

2013 Short Term Goals for the OCHS:

For the Public: Make more visible to the public, signs, advertisement, newspaper coverage. Open the Museum for special events like class reunions; be very involved in the Creekfest, Septemberfest, Christmas in Village. Develop our website and Facebook account to generate more interest.

Within the Historical Society: Generate more involvement of members; recruit more members; generate income. Create a system to indicate date of membership renewal date on newsletter label, make phone calls to membership to encourage involvement.

Aileen made a motion to entertain SPOON - Society for the Preservation of Old Mills, in October 2014. Seconded by Mary Alice. In favor 5 yes; 0 no. Aileen suggested we have someone from SPOON visit us to tell us more about their organization.

Blacksmith Shop - \$3000 had been approved for building this. Dean has wood in his building already purchased to begin this project.

Summer Picnic: It was decided to have a summer pot-luck picnic for OCHS membership and guests. Held on the grounds of the museum on the Kearsley Creek Bank. For our August Membership Meeting. Motion by Dean, Ken supported. Carried by all.

Have a sign(s) made to accompany the Old Mill sign that says MUSEUM. It should be 6" letters - fonts should match the present ones; two signs; one for each end of the building. Motion by Dean supported by Larry; carried. Maybe contact Paramount Signs in Ortonville or try to get someone to donate the work.

Motion by Aileen to adjourn at 8:34.

Notes taken by Mary Alice Seelbinder; typed by Judy Miracle.



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