

Ortonville Community Historical Society  
Board Meeting 10-29-2013 Minutes

In attendance: Judy Miracle, Dean Salley, Larry Lang, Marie Kuehl, Kevin King, Mary Alice Seelbinder, Ken Bush, Tom Peters - village liaison.

Call to order at 7:10 by Judy Miracle with Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Dean motion to accept with additional item "By Laws" added. Carried

Minutes: Mary Alice motion to accept with change on pg. 2 - charge for Murder Mystery event from \$10 to \$15. Seconded by Larry Lang. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Alice made motion to accept as printed, seconded by Marie Kuehl, carried.

Comment by Mary Alice - did we create a certificate for Ike Hamilton's contribution and his Charter Membership? Judy responded, yes; and we will mail it to him this week.

Collections Committee: we need a chairman and committee members to create a policy for accepting contributions; such as is it a duplicate of one we already own, is it out of our local Ortonville area, and is it old? This committee will accept or reject items. The following people volunteered to be on the committee to draw up a policy and agenda to accept artifacts: Ken Bush, Mary Alice Seelbinder, and Dean Salley. Judy wanted one member to attend each Saturday Museum open day.

Dean reported a lady, Barbara Kincaid, curator from Linden Museum visited last Saturday. She will return to help determine ages of our collection of clothing and to help display these artifacts. In return we will help her learn to use her rug loom and Dean Salley will help her design showcases for their museum. The OCHS will possibly visit the Linden Museum on December 11th, Wednesday. All are welcome to join us.

Fire Exits and emergency lighting: Judy reported the electricity went out one day recently and it was very dark in the Museum. This is the second time this has happened while we had visitors in the building and the stairways in particular are very difficult to maneuver while it is dark. Also some of the EXIT signs are not lit. We need someone to check this and fix it. Kevin King volunteered to look over the exits and determine if the battery backup is working. He will be able to recommend a licensed electrician if we need one.

Insurance Policy: Huttenlocker of Waterford carries our policy and is it renewed every three years, to expire in 2014. We are covered for basic liability, but were told it excludes the board of directors. Per Huttenlockers in 2004 we included this in the policy but since then it has cancelled. The Village of Ortonville insurance policy covers the outside of the building. Judy will look into this insurance issue further. We don't think the building is covered for contents at all. Mary Alice thought we used to have \$25,000 coverage for the contents.



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5013c Non-profit status - still pending, waiting for IRS to process the request/renewal. We have paid all the money however.

Christmas in the Village - December 7th. Will need volunteers.

Murder Mystery Party - December 13th. Will need volunteers. Marie Kuehl and Mary Alice Seelbinder volunteered to chair the food committee for it. Tickets were distributed to Mary Alice to sell from their Sellbinder Insurance Agency and some were given to Marie Kuehl to sell from her First Impressions Hair Salon. The balance will be sold from the Old Mill Museum. \$15 per person.

Decorating for the Holidays - November 23rd, Saturday. Anyone can bring items early to the Old Mill Museum. We need tree decorations.

Work Days - from 2:30 to 5:00 on any Wednesdays; anyone welcome to join us take care of our archival contributions, to clip articles from newspapers, to weave on the Looms (2 now). New one to weave dish cloths.

DDA - would any Historical Society member be willing to be our liaison to the Downtown Development Authority; attend their meetings, usually one per month? OPEN

Dean made a motion to pay the \$39 registration fee for Judy to attend the Michigan Historical Society's workshop on "How to write a grant?" to be held November 8th. Seconded by Marie; carried.

By Laws - discussion was that there needs to be an look and review session of the By Laws. Some areas are not being adhered to. We will discuss at Nov. 5th meeting.

Motion by Ken to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Seconded by Marie. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Alice Seelbinder. Typed by Judy Miracle

