

Ortonville Community Historical Society; Minutes of Membership Meeting of 7-10-12

Meeting was called to order at 8:55 by VP Judy Miracle after a very informative Wildflower slide demonstration by Ken Bush. Members present: Dean Salley, Judy Miracle, Ken Bush, Larry Lang, Trina Lang, Candee Allen, Arnold and Mary Alice Seelbinder

Quilt update; Judy took the quilt to the Detroit News "Trash or Treasure" appraiser David McCarron and he estimated its value to be \$400-600 at auction, and that it was made from machine-made wool and very possible the light material is recycled long johns. "He said he would place it in the second half of the 19th century. He suggested we repair the minor tears in the material and have it cleaned by a textile conservator." Marilyn Featherston said we should not wash it. Marilyn and Judy will be taking it for another appraisal in Bay City on July 24th.

The Indian dress - do we want to repair it - display it? (It was on display at this meeting for all members viewing) Dean suggested we repair. Marilyn motioned to display it and make a case for it and display it as it is. Dean Salley suggested we put a leather piece in it for repair. Should we sell it for \$10,000 - before it deteriorates any further? Marilyn made a motion to sell the princess dress for a sum of \$8,000 or more. Motion seconded by Dean Salley. Vote was 4 in favor; 4 for against. Motion dies. Mary Alice Seelbinder made a motion to reconsider and seconded by Marilyn; Motion passed; 5 for, 4 against. Motion will be reconsidered at the General Meeting on Tuesday August 14th.

Dean motioned to move our meeting to August 8th, Wednesday. Motion made by Mary Alice and seconded by Judy - motion carried; the next General Membership meeting and program will be Tuesday, August 14th. The program for August will be a speaker on Military Helmets; provided by Lee Stewart.

There was a discussion on membership and dues.

Second weaving loom - another loom has been offered to the mill as a donation; it was previously offered to purchase and we turned that down then. Now it is being donated. A motion made by Judy Miracle, seconded by Marilyn Featherston to accept the donation of a working weaving loom from Herb and Sue Hogan. The motion was carried.

A motion to adjourn at 9:50 pm by Marilyn Featherston and seconded by Judy Miracle.