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**ORTONVILLE COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm.

Present: Judy, Dean, Marie Kuehl, Mary Kassuba, Elnor Palshan, Dean Salley, Marily Featherston, Arnold Seelbinder, Mary Alice Seelbinder, Ken Bush, Aileen Champion, Bob McArthur.

Dean made motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Mary Kassuba. Carried.

Minutes of Board - carried with correction-Attendance: Not Tom Stowell, but Tom Peters

Treasurer's Report: \$161.16 (total for three checks) is due to Agnes Oakley (winnings from a raffle) and Dean Salley, due to checks issued to them in the past that were not cashed. Dean made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Marilyn Featherston. Carried

Bob McArthur: First complemented OCHS on the Murder Mystery night. Bob McArthur, along with Mary Kassuba and electrician, Gary Stewart have made a preliminary assessment of the electrical and lighting issues within the Old Mill Museum.

Their committee noticed:

- issues with extension cords (safety issue as people are not in the Old Mill at all times),
- the need for more electrical outlets,
- need for double the number of and better light fixtures,
- issues with wiring - not for the uses but we made them do
- issue with at least one "Hot Wire" uncapped.
- Other issues were need for an EXIT sign in the apartment on second floor,
- Need for more exit doors (might be able to use the door in the Main Mill Room if reworked it),
- Need for motion lights on the rear porch,
- Need for rewiring a chandelier,
- lights needed on the 3rd floor
- Lights needed in both stairways.

We will ask Gary Stewart for a rough idea on the cost.

Dean Salley made a motion to move on the lighting repair project, not to exceed \$2000. There was discussion. Maryilyn Featherston seconded this motion. It died, only 2 voted for this motion.

Bob said he could have a more concrete estimate to start repairs and then could add extras later. Discussion ensued about using the Hamilton \$2000 donation for this issue. We need light outside of the Old Mill. Bob will come back with more information.

A motion was made by Mary Alice and seconded by Ken Bush to have Mr. Stewart proceed with the wish list for the electrical. Carried. Bob Will give us an update next month.

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Membership Committee: We need to push for more members. Ideas were asked for.

Creekfest Report: Creekfest is June 21st and will include a carnival. We propose a hot dog cart outside with a grill to bring patrons to the Old Mill. Menu to include hot dogs, chips, and possible brownies; with all the traditional drink options. Noah Cox will present again his Trip to Africa program at the Town Hall during the Creekfest, time to be determined.

WWII Program on May 21st - Dick Horton, will tell about his involvement in WWII. Dean is in charge of this program; will put an advertisement in the Citizen and pay for it. \$50.

June Program - June 18th - Wednesday - Civilian life during WWII. Rosie the Riveter representatives too. Maybe Betty Owen. Microphone (lapel type) will be needed for both programs. Aileen will try to get one, and Ken will try too. Dean is in charge of this program.

Architectural Grant - we were turned down but encouraged to apply again next year. Was a possible \$5000.

SPOOM - Conference October 14th - we will serve lunch for conference attendees, possible 120 people. We need flyers to stuff into the conference bags. Judy will create, copy at Village and distribute to director of conference. We discussed possibly providing a "box lunch" for the conference. Areas to use for dining: Main area of Old Mill, New Room, Schoolhouse, Tent with picnic tables, basement after firetruck rolled out. Committee consists of : Mary Alice Seelbinder, Marie Kuehl, Mary Kassuba, Trina Lang.

Maple Lane Kennel has offered an 1850 year old barn to the OCHS. Dismantle and remove from property. Dean will investigate tomorrow and report at next meeting.

Newsletter: Committee now consists of: Judy Miracle - typist and mailing labels, Ken Bush - historical stories, Mary Kassuba - printing, Marilyn Feathrston - folding, addressing and mailing.

Table for Beets, Beats, and Eats - it was decided to have out Old Country Store items for sale at the Friday, July 25th event at Crossman Park in town.

Girl Scout Troop will visit and tour the museum on May 14th. Jenna Mannino leader of Troop 70649. Ken and Mary will lead the tour.

5th grade Brandon Intermediate School group will visit the schoolhouse, museum from Noon to 2:45 on May 29th. We will provide a school day reenactment, recess, museum tour, butter making and crafts. They will pay \$3 for each student. Contact person Katie Sampson - their teacher.

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Brownie Troop will plant flowers on the front porch on May 20th. Dean reported the water faucet in the back has been turned on for them.

Revising the By-Laws - postponed to next meeting.

Adjourned - 8:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Mary Alice Seelbinder, typed by Judy Miracle