

Ortonville Community Historical Society  
Minutes of Board/Membership Meeting  
July 5, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by president, Judy Miracle with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Judy Miracle, Larry Lang, Ken Bush, Dean Salley, Roger Miracle, Arnie Seelbinder, Mary Alice Seelbinder, Mary Kassuba, Kathy Gauthier, Candee Allen, Shauna Quick. New member: Ron Sutton. Absent with notice, June and Kevin King. Marie Kuehl - absent.

APPROVED AGENDA: Dean made a motion to accept the agenda with additions of E. Ghost Tours; Mary Alice supported. ALL IN FAVOR

APPROVED MINUTES: Candee made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; Arnie supported. ALL IN FAVOR

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Kassuba made a MOTION to table the discussion of the treasurer's report as the copies were not readable. Dean supported. ALL IN FAVOR

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW MEMBERS' COMMITTEE: Judy reported that Susan Hollingshead has taken the jar of names submitted at Creekfest for the FREE BASKET drawing. She is calling a winner; person will pick up basket at Old Mill on Saturday. Then she will call all the other submitted names to see if they might be interested in joining OCHS.

ONE MEETING PER MONTH: Discussion regarding how to organize the one-meeting. Mary Alice made a MOTION to continue the trial period of combined Board/Membership meeting for one more month (August). After decision is made, By-Laws will need to be amended to follow. Arnie supported. ALL IN FAVOR

Further discussion regarding the categories of membership: Mary Alice suggested we have another category: Friends of the Museum, for those that do not want to come to meetings. She plans to write an article for the Citizen explaining this and how one could become a member. Ken mentioned previously he went around to the businesses in the community asking them to become a Friend of the Museum for a minimal donation and he got all NO's. Candee mentioned we can put a message on the school marquee for a \$10 fee, maybe to advise of the upcoming OCHS meeting, as Dean made comment that only 13 people in attendance today. He suggested calling each member day before the meeting.

ORTONVILLE DAYS: Roger and Ken reported we had less than 15 people come through the Old Mill Museum for tours. Shauna reported we sold approximately \$40 in the Bake Sale and they started to clean up at 1:00; the museum stayed open until 2:00.

BEATS, BEETS AND EATS: Friday, July 1st the OCHS put up a table and sold \$100 of various Country Store items; including T-shirt, mouse pads, homemade aprons, pillow cases, dish cloths, and left-over baked goods and Schwann ice cream from Ortonville Days. Ken and Judy manned it along with two girls from National Honor Society. No rugs were sold.

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However, discussion ensued regarding rugs. MOTION: Roger made a motion to purchase rugs from Grace Geisler up to a \$125 total amount, and then Country Store will resell them for 20% higher. Mary K. supported.

ALL IN FAVOR

Ken will research if it is possible to make a copy of the Old Mill Museum key and report back.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ELECTRICAL BOX:** Judy reported of a conversation with the new Ortonville Village Manager, Mike Lee, where the older electrical box behind the Country Store was talked about. He had his electrician look it over and determined the box to be SAFE and not necessary to replace. He did note some wire on the back of the building outside that needed attention, which will be taken care of asap.

A discussion ensued regarding the ownership of the Old Mill Museum. Mary Alice informed this group of the history of its ownership and that there were at least 7 deeds involved over time. In 1990 (approximately) the DEED to the Old Mill Museum was transferred over to the Village of Ortonville. Candee Allen (Brandon Township Clerk and OCHS member) advised she took a copy of the DEED to Mike Lee last week. The village owns and maintains the buildings, Old Mill and Mann School; OCHS owns and maintains the inside and contents.

Arnie brought up the fact that the "license plate" collection downstairs was "on loan" from Howard Grovesteen, who has now passed. Ron Sutton will check with daughters, Terry and Georgia, what they want to do with it; donate it to OCHS, leave it on LOAN, or come get it.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Ken, Kevin and Roger are the committee and have talked with many of the (7) officers and trustees who's terms are up in October. A ballot will be presented at the September meeting, for voting at the October membership meeting.

**MANN SCHOOL:** Mary Alice commented the school is deteriorating in places, the inside walls are peeling and need paint, windows need putty, and maybe some window shades to prevent sun damage to desks. This will need to be done by OCHS as it is inside.

**TOUR:** July 18, Monday; Ken and Mary Alice will assist.

**MANN SCHOOL REUNION:** August 13, Noon - 2 pm. Candee and Judy will create an invitation to be mailed. Will need volunteers for small buffet lunch.

**SYMPATHIES AND FLOWERS:** Judy made a MOTION we send a flower arrangement or money to the charity of their choosing up to \$50 for a OCHS member when they pass away. For families of the member; ie. parent, grandparent, grandchild, we will send a SYMPATHY CARD. Mary K. supported.

ALL IN FAVOR

Mary Kassuba motioned for adjournment at 8:30 pm. ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted, Judy Miracle