

ORTONVILLE COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
APRIL 13, 2021 7:00 p.m.  
MINUTES

In Attendance: Pres., Scott Broughton, Shauna Quick, Arnold Seelbinder, Mary Alice Seelbinder, Pat George (Village of Ortonville Liaison), Kathy Gauthier, Grace Geisler, Trevor Hall, Judy Miracle, Ken Bush, Mary Kassuba, Tom Roberts (blacksmith), Krystal (Employment Options Unlimited.)

Agenda: approved

Minutes: none presented

Treasurer's Report: - none presented

Presentation: Employment Options Unlimited; a cleaning service

OLD BUSINESS:

Office Organization - Thank you to Mary Kassuba, Kathy Gauthier, Ken Bush, Shauna Quick for cleaning the first floor office, replacing curtains, organizing. Also, for removing items not used regularly to the upstairs office, cleaning that room too.

Introduce Village Council Liaison - Pat George will be attending our monthly membership meetings and relaying information back and forth from the Village to the OCHS members. The first item he mentioned was the upcoming Village budget discussions to include the Old Mill building and the Mann School. The second item discussed was the Village Master Plan which is to include new signage around the village. OCHS will be included in this project.

Old Mill Painting Project - to be discussed at the Village meetings. Pat George will consult Bob Hauxwell of the DPW to determine what paint was used six years ago, and the painting company. Pat thought we should get more than six years out of the prior painting job.

Update from Old Mill Blacksmith Shop Committee Mary Alice reported the committee has been shopping for items to include in the blacksmith shop. One example is an anvil which they purchased. Mary Kassuba reported keys to the blacksmith shop have been duplicated. Committee Members and Ken Bush, Saturday opening committee, the Village, and the blacksmith have been loaned keys.

They introduced Tom Roberts, a long-time Ortonville resident and hobby blacksmith. He has proposed he would demonstrate blacksmithing at SeptemberFest, as well as one or two Saturdays per month. He suggested we NOW advertise on our Facebook page to drum up interest prior to opening.

NEW BUSINESS

Cleaning Services - Mary Kassuba reported the EOU company has toured the buildings to be cleaned and committed to clean the buildings.

Scott made a MOTION: On a one-month trial basis, we will arrange for EOU to clean two days per week, four hours each day. OCHS will provide cleaning materials. Mary K. supported (and she will commit to unlocking the building and supervising the project). -- APPROVED.

Spring Garden Market - will occur in the Village on May 8, 15 and 22nd. OCHS will have the Old Mill Museum open for tours, but will not provide food or allow use of the bathroom by the public.

Meeting Location - after discussion, it was decided to continue to hold the OCHS membership meetings at the Old Town Hall for the months of May and June.

May 2021 Election - Due to the Covid Pandemic, and the winter shut-down of the Old Mill, we postponed the October 2020 elections until this spring. So, this voting will occur at the May 11th meeting to elect or reelect the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three trustees. Anyone interested in putting their hat in the ring for any of these positions, contact the Election Committee Chair, Roger Miracle. In order to vote, one must be a paid up member.

Meeting adjourned 8:15

Minutes respectfully submitted by trustee, Judy Miracle—

As Amended: In Attendance--Trevor Hall, Update from Old Mill Blacksmith Shop Committee--Item purchasded was an anvil not a forge. Minutes approved with changes. June Kind 6/14/2021.