

Minutes of OCHS General Membership and Board Meeting—October 12, 2021

Meeting Called to order at 7:15 by Judy Miracle. Present: Ken Bush, June King, Scott Broughton, Kathy Gauthier, Mary Kassuba, Luann and Dan Mann and Shauna Quick. Absent with notice: Roger Miracle, Alice and Arnie Seelbinder, and Pat George. Nine board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance—All participated

Approval of Agenda— As amended—Ken motioned and Judy seconded—motion carried.

Minutes—Month presented September 2021--As presented--June motioned and Ken seconded—motion carried.

Treasurer's Report— Month presented: 9/30/2021—As presented—Mary motioned and Luann seconded—motion carried.

Septemberfest 2021—Dedication on the Blacksmith Building was a success. Tom and assistants gave a demonstration. Bottled water, Faygo pop and cupcakes were the refreshments. There were two kids pie eating contests. Ages 5 to 11, and second was 12 to 17. There was first and second prizes for each contest. Good turnout for Septemberfest 2021 and it was a beautiful day.

Witches Night Out—October 9, 2021—The Witches Hat and Cackling contests will be done at the Old Mill. Shauna is going to contact Tony with some ideas such as having more time to register for the contests. OCHS will be hosting two Tarot Card readers. There will be passports to be stamped. The kitchen is still closed due to COVID19.

Repairs and Upkeep of the Old Mill—Dave Kwapis, Fire Chief is having Bob Hauxwell to fix the door in basement that is not opening correctly and doesn't have a panic bar. The fix is scheduled to be completed by November 1, 2021. The painting of the Old Mill and Mann School House will not be completed by this winter. Covid19 is causing problems with allowing people to complete work projects and supply chain problems. Supply chain problems are when the products needed are not available. Ken reported that Bob Hauxwell hasn't located how the birds are getting into museum. He is looking at the roof vents next.

Voting—Roger Miracle is stepping down as a Trustee, due to health issues. He is going to volunteer at large events in the military display. Four Trustees were placed on the Board: renewed Mary Kassuba, and Mary Alice Seelbinder, and new to Board is Luann and Dan Mann. Shauna Quick was renewed as Vice Present. Thank you to everyone for volunteering your time and talents to make the OCHS and the community a better place.

Halloween—Sunday October 31, 2021—The Village of Ortonville is having the bon fire with cider and donuts. OCHS will give out candy. Dan has volunteered to put up a tent with lights so we don't have a congestion of people/kids in the building. The event is expected to be well attended. OCHS needs candy and Judy will put out request to the members via email.

Small Museums—Flushing Historical Museum hosted the event and Mary gave report—There are some museums that have not been open at all during the pandemic and a common problem was dwindling membership. OCHS is fortunate to be open on a limited basis, but there is a problem with the dwindling participation.

Christmas in the Village—Changes coming to make this a two day event. The following events will be held on Friday evening not on Saturday: The Methodist Church is having a ham dinner from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, tree lighting ceremony, caroling in the Village and then there will be a holiday movie the end the evening at the Old Town Hall. Saturday activities will be parade, Santa will be at Old Town Hall, Luann and Dan is bringing their sleigh to the front of Mann School House for a picture opportunity, a reindeer will be on display near the Mann School House, Tom will do Blacksmith demonstrations, bake sale at OCHS and we will give hot cocoa. This will give people more opportunity to walk around the Village and maybe do some local shopping. This is still subject to change. OCHS will know more by next meeting in November.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm—motioned and seconded —motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by June King, Secretary

Revised 11/24/2021--typo error OCHS in Small Museums, and Santa will be at Old Town Hall on Saturday during Christmas in the Village. Errors are corrected.