

Minutes of OCHS General Membership and Board Meeting—April 12, 2022

Meeting Called to order by Judy Miracle. Present: Ken Bush, June King, Shauna Quick, Mary Kassuba, Kathy Gauthier, Scott Broughton, Luann Mann, Carol Bacak-Egbo, Pat George, Roger Miracle, and Steve Koslowski 'Koz'. Absent with notice: Mary Alice and Arnie Seelbinder. Eight board members present. Note that this meeting was held at 6:00pm not 7:00 pm, hoping more people will attend to fit schedules better.

Pledge of Allegiance—All participated

Approval of Agenda— As presented—June motioned and Luann seconded—motion carried.

Minutes—As presented—Mary motioned and Ken seconded—motion carried.

Treasurer's Report—Reports presented: December 2021, January 2022, February 2022 and March 2022 were presented. The reports were motioned by Mary as presented and seconded by Ken—motion carried.

Repairs and Upkeep of the Old Mill—Mary gave update on the cleaning of the museum which is to start week of April 18, 2022 and be cleaned twice a week. There are some issues with the cleaning company as to having difficulty with finding employees that train the cleaning staff. Pat George gave update on basement door has been delivered and only needs to be installed. The Crossman Park water project is completed, there was always flooding. The flooding did not allow the public to use the park due to standing water/muddy conditions. The Trail Development in the Village is starting. Painting of the Old Mill is in the works from late spring to summer. The question of if the Mann School House is included in this project is still not known. Kitchen door replacement was not discussed.

Granite Time Capsule for 2023 Ortonville Celebration of 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary--Steve Koslowski 'Koz' presented to the OCHS a fundraiser proposal for OCHS and Brandon Groveland Youth Assistance (BGYA). A discussion ensued but it was pointed out that OCHS couldn't make any decisions unless The Village of Ortonville would allow us to put the time capsule on their property. OCHS does not own the land and has to get approval from The Village. Scott motioned "Interest in the project of the Granite Time Capsule for the 2023 Ortonville Celebration of 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary if The Village approves the Granite Time Capsule can be put on the Old Mill property". Shauna seconded and motion passed. Pat George will present this request at the next Village meeting on April 25, 2022.

Blacksmith Update—Classes for the season started April 2, 2022. Clarification on the liability form is student's and parent's signature for anyone 12 to 17. Right now a student must be at least 12 years of age. Student's signature on form is required for student 18 and over and considered a legal adult.

Hot Spot—Shauna presented the idea that The Old Mill purchase a hot spot. There would be a \$135.00 cost that would have to be paid. This is \$120.00 for the annual fee and \$15.00 for a one time purchase of the equipment. This would allow access to the internet, which there is none at this time. Scott motioned that The Old Mill become a hot spot as presented by Shauna with Luann seconded and motion passed.

Web Site—Shauna has looked into redesigning web site. Current web site move to a Word Press platform and this would provide OCHS more functionality at a reasonable annual cost of \$100.00 and purchase domain name for a current annual cost of \$12.00. This has availability of automating newsletter to make it easier for distribution. This would also present an event calendar and allow registration of blacksmith classes. The ochsoldmill.org is the domain name. Scott motioned that we accept the proposal as presented by Shauna, Ken seconded and motion passed.

Oakland County Preservation Tour—Carol Bacak-Egbo gave OCHS good news that we are first stop on this tour on May 14, 2022 at 9:30am and group will leave at 10:30am. It is expected to be about 35 people will be touring the site.

Relocating the model of the Old Mill—Model was moved to the first room to the right off the main room was made. The Old Mill model still needs to be repaired.

Display Committee—Mary and Ken need volunteers. There was the movement of the piano into the display of the living room and it will stay there until a decision is made where to put it. There is a need to refresh the displays and adjust on a monthly basis if the manpower is available. Some options would be May-Military, June-Wedding Dresses, July-Independence Day Celebrations, August-Back to School, September-Harvest, also the history of the Village.

Obituaries—Mary stated there are two to three years that need to be input into the computer to get this project current. It was suggested that an NHS student that need volunteer hours might be a good source.

Janice Turnbull—OCHS lost a long time member. Janice was very much in tune with helping OCHS reach its goal for preserving the local history of Brandon and Groveland Townships and The Village of Ortonville.

Annual Audit—Judy will look into getting this completed, more information on this to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm—Ken motioned and Luann seconded —motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by June King, Secretary

Correction of the meeting adjourned completed by June King 5/13/2022.