

Ortonville Community Historical Society

Minutes for Membership Meeting

April 11, 2023

Members Present: Judy Miracle (President), Alan Allgaier, Scott Broughton, Ken Bush, Carol Egbo, Grace Geisler, Pat George, Kathy Gauthier, Mary Kassuba, June King, Kevin King, Shauna Quick, Arnold Seelbinder, Mary Alice Seelbinder, Tom Roberts. (15 Board members present). Absent with Notice: None.
Guests: Bernie Solo.

Traditional 1st Meeting Pot-Luck Dinner: At 6:00 PM, members enjoyed a pizza dinner, with salad, appetizers, deserts, coffee, and pop, prior to the formal monthly meeting.

Formal Meeting Call to Order: by Judy Miracle @ 6:40 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: All participated.

Agenda: Approved as presented.

Minutes from November 2022: Approved as presented

Treasurer's Report: Scott B: Provided copies of preceding 5 months Treasurer's reports. Scott also made a motion to purchase 3 CD's at \$5,000 each from Oxford Bank. Approved as presented.

Village Report: Pat G. distributed copies of 175th Anniversary Committee's "To Do" list and Judy M. presented an overview of the planned activities.

Old Business:

Internet Hotspot and New Equipment for OCHS:

Shauna Q. reported that our Mill/Museum now has:

- 1) WiFi internet access!
- 2) WiFi connection to new color printer/scanner/copier!
- 3) A new computer laptop, which replaces all of the old equipment!

Website for OCHS:

Shauna Q. also reported that our OCHS now has:

- 1) A new website called: OCHSOldMill.org!
- 2) Topics include latest news and events, Blacksmith info., and Membership info!
- 3) An "About" Page, with "current" pictures of our Board members 😊!

There was also a discussion regarding how to process online payments.

Thank you Shauna for all your hard work in modernizing our computer systems!!

Cleaning Company: Mary K. led a discussion regarding the current group of workers that perform housekeeping services at the Mill and do not get paid. She requested that we give each of them a monthly gift card at \$10 per card:
Approved as presented.

OCHS 175th Committee: Mary K is the leader of this committee. Alan A described how they are posting significant historical events on portable kiosks, which are bulletin board type structures. If you have any ideas for events to post, please contact Mary K or Alan A.

Introduction of Members: Members introduced themselves and we were entertained by Mary Alice S and Arnold S accounts of a number of historical events that have occurred during their lifetimes.

Blacksmith Shop Updates: Tom R and Alan A provided updates on blacksmith shop materials and the classes that are available to the general public.

New Business:

Mill Model Repair: Bernie S reported on repairs and updates that he and his son made on the Mill model - it looks terrific! There was also an article in the Reminder, including a picture, about the updates. Thank you so much Bernie!

Arbor Day (Sat. Apr. 29): Plant exchange.

Spring Garden Show (Sat. May 20): Downtown; Town Crier walking the Village.

Memorial Day (Mon May 29): Parade; Youth Baseball Tournament (all weekend).

Amos Orton Birthday (Wed June 7): Pet Parade; Ice Cream Social; Downtown Walking Tour, w/Brochure (Carol E).

175th Committee: (Judy M) (September Fest)(Fri 15 - Sun 17): (Judy M)
Time Capsule, Square Dancing, Citizen of the Year award, 5K Run, Blacksmith Shop activities and Camp Out, Pie Eating Contest, Old Fashioned Games, *Pie Baking*
Children *Contact*

Farmers Market: Rent a booth sometime in August.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned @ 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pat G, Historian.