

Ortonville Community Historical Society

Minutes for Membership Meeting

May 9, 2023

Members Present: Judy Miracle (President), Alan Allgaier, Scott Broughton, Ken Bush, Carol Egbo, Pat George, Kathy Gauthier, Mary Kassuba, June King, Luann Mann, Debra Minnock, Roger Miracle, Shauna Quick, Arnold Seelbinder, Mary Alice Seelbinder, Tom Roberts. (16 Board members present). Absent with Notice: None

Formal Meeting Call to Order: by Judy Miracle @ 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: All participated.

Agenda: Old Business: Added Item D. 175th OCHS Involvement and Item E. Oral History. Approved as amended.

Minutes from April 2023: Amended pie contest wording. Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Scott B discussed purchasing a downtown banner for \$50.

Approved as presented. He provided a copy of April's Treasurer's report.

Approved as presented

Village Report: Pat G. said that the painting of the Schoolhouse was still on schedule. He distributed wooden nickels with the 175th Anniversary Logo to the members.

Old Business:

Amos Orton's Birthday Bash - June 7

1. Walking Tour: Carol E. discussed how the tour would be conducted on Mill St. with the businesses involved. Signs with historic pictures will be displayed and there will be moderators at each building discussing historic events that have occurred over the years. There will be brochures printed.
2. The Old Mill and Blacksmith Shop will be open for business at 4:30.
3. Senior Recorded Interviews will be showing on TVs at the Mill, Village offices, and the Town Hall.
4. Ice Cream Social will be hosted by Cook's Dairy and volunteers will be serving ice cream at the Heritage Garden at 5:00.
5. Pet Parade will begin setting up at the Old Mill at 5:00 and start at 5:45 and proceed down Mill St. to the Town Hall.
6. The Medicine Man Show will provide information on how medicine was made in the old days and have products for sale.

7. Caricature Drawings will be at the Heritage Garden starting at 5:00.
8. Harvey Swanson Time Capsule was discovered recently on its grounds and it will be opened and its contents will be revealed for the first time.

Farmer's Market Booth

We will look into renting a booth at the Farmers Market in early August.

Historic Items on Seelbinder Property

Debra M discussed recent findings on the old Seelbinder property, through the use of a metal detector. She passed around some artifacts for the members to observe and emphasized the importance of keeping the location of this discovery site confidential.

OCHS involvement in 175th Anniversary

Mary K discussed what are some of the specific things that we need to have in place by the 175th and who will be doing them.

Oral Histories

Shauna Q discussed a new program provided by the library where individuals will have an opportunity to record an oral history on a topic that is relevant to them.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned @ 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pat G, Historian.