

Ortonville Community Historical Society

Minutes for Membership Meeting

June 13, 2023

Members Present: Judy Miracle (President), Alan Allgaier, Scott Broughton, Ken Bush, Carol Egbo, Pat George, Kathy Gauthier, Grace Geisler, Mary Kassuba, Luann Mann, Debra Minnock, Shauna Quick, Mary Alice Seelbinder. (13 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 May 2023: Amended closing time. Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Scott B provided a copy of May's Treasurer's report. Approved as presented. He also made a motion to be allowed to sell Ms. Hamilton's stock donation and deposit the cash receipts into our account. Approved as presented.

Village Report: Pat G. - Nothing new.

Old Business:

2nd Graders Visit to Mann School on June 5th.

Judy M and Ken B shared the experience of having the 2nd graders visit the Mann School on June 5th - quite a boisterous group of kids, but Judy and Ken were able to survive and have some fun.

Report on Walking Tour on Amos Orton's Birthday.

Carol E reported that the Citizens Walking Tour of Main Street was a huge success!! We had a large crowd show up, which included a lot of old timers. They thoroughly enjoyed the historical pictures on the signs and the accompanied verbal narration of the building's history. Thanks so much to Carol, Luan, Ken and all the other volunteers for their efforts.

Report on the Time Capsule.

The final location of the historical Time Capsule appears to be set at the East side of the Mill, next to the flagpole, and adjacent to the front sidewalk. Scott B made a formal motion that this location be its final resting place. Approved as presented. A Big Thank-you to COZ for all his hard work and dedication for making this happen!!

Report on Blacksmith Shop

C. Rutz
Allan A mentioned that there is a termite problem at the Blacksmith Shop and they are working on a solution. Blacksmith classes were discussed - when they would be offered, the cost, payment methods, and Rotary Club donation of \$500.

Report from Committee on Septemberfest

(Judy M, Shauna Q, and Mary K) - Judy distributed Septemberfest Event handouts that were very informative. Shauna described our involvement in Tours of the building, Pie Baking and Kids Eating contests, and the number of volunteers needed for the various jobs. Ken B talked about the tours and Mary K strongly supported having NHS students be the vocal moderators at our Historical signs throughout the building.

Farmers Market Booth

Judy M is still waiting to hear back - tentative dates are Sat. Aug. 6th or 13th.

New Business

Judy M stated that Village Manager, Ryan Maddis is exploring a grant to help us expand our outside porch on the West side of the Mill.

Miscellaneous Discussion

Topics included where the Square Dance will be held, obtaining Historical Signage for the Village, adding more trees at the Brandon Township Park, etc.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned @ 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pat G, Historian.