

Ortonville Community Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Old Mill Museum
March 5, 2024, 1:00 pm

Members Present: Kathy Gauthier, Ken Bush, Scott Broughton, Alan Allgaier, Mary Alice Seelbinder, Judy Miracle.

Absent with notice: Shauna Quick, Pat George, LuAnn Mann

Other Attendees: Ryan Madis, Village of Ortonville Manager

Formal Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by president, Judy Miracle.

Pledge of Allegiance - all participated

Agenda: Motioned to approve as written by Alan, supported by Kathy. Approved

Minutes: postponed

Treasurer's Report: Motioned by Mary to approve the January and February TR, supported by Ken. Approved

Old Business:

- A. A motion by Alan - is proposing the final draft of the By-Laws to the membership at the next membership meeting. Mary supports. Approved.
- B. Entrance/Kitchen door - Alan reported the door is installed and fully functional; the bill has been paid in full; as the Administrator for building codes he shared how the process has been shared with board members and they've been successful in using the door now.
- C. Memorial Day - Alan reported he has met several times with Mary, Kathy, John Fross, Carol Egbo, and Dennis Hoffman to discuss how the changes to the 9:30 am. parade and ceremony for this year. He has 25 Civil War reenactors and some local helpers who will be in period dress and stationed at each of the 45+ Civil War veterans buried in the Ortonville Cemetery. After the ceremony, we invite the reenactors and OCHS members to a lunch we will pay for up to \$600. Alan is researching the costs and details of a catered lunch. Mary Kassuba is preparing a red carnation flower for each of the Civil War soldiers graves. She will report on the cost up to \$200 and details.
- D. M-15 Garage Sale on May 4 - We plan to hook-on-to the sale on M-15 and attempt to encourage people to visit the museum, where we will offer duplicate and not-needed artifacts for sale. We will also offer to individuals to rent a space for \$10 set up a table on our back lawn, to sell anything that relates to history.
- E. Downstairs door - is still in need of repair/reinstalling to work properly. We have paid for the door, but we proposed we hire the Pontiac Door installer to fix it. He is willing to work on his own time and it will probably cost about \$250 to make it workable and safe.

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- F. Heating in the Mann School - Ryan Madis, Village Manager, attended the meeting, and reported he is looking into purchasing an electric heater that will plug in during the few times we need heat. We asked that he complete the purchase and installation by April 1.

New Business:

- A. Financial planning - 5 year plan - tabled till next meeting
- B. Recruiting new members - tabled till next meeting
- C. Cleaning crew - We will employ the Employment Unlimited group from last year and continue to give each worker (4) a stipend of \$10 each month. Mary will purchase gift cards for this purpose.
- D. Military room renovation - Alan and his wife Tina cleaned and employed the use of the tri-tower (donated by the Village) to display more military stories. He also proposed to have a committee to change some of the displays and incorporate the Civil War information they have uncovered. No committee was formed.
- E. Relocate Boy Scout/Girl Scout display - from basement to the military floor (room off the back of the military room). This will allow more of the farming artifacts to be displayed in the basement.
- F. Research - do we need to update any electrical matters in the museum in order to make it as safe as possible? Ryan stated he will ask the Village repair person to look it over and give his evaluation of the system.
- G. First Membership meeting of the year - will be Tuesday April 9 at 6:00. It will begin with a celebratory "Winter is Over" pizza dinner. Judy will purchase the pizza.
- H. OPEN THE MILL - ON Saturday April 6. We will remove all the display covers and store them away for next year. This will also be the first day the museum is open to the public from 10-2 pm.
- I. Salt for the water softener - Mary proposed we hire a part-time maintenance man responsible for purchasing and the dumping the salt in the softener along with other tasks we will determine. We threw around ideas about how much to pay this person and what tasks he would be responsible for. No determination at this time.
- J. Adjourn - At 2:45 Mary Alice made the motion to adjourn. Approved.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Miracle, president.

