

Ortonville Community Historical Society
Minutes for Membership Meeting
November 14, 2023

Members Present: Judy Miracle (President), Alan Allgaier, Scott Broughton, Ken Bush, Carol Egbo, Wren Frisch, Kathy Gauthier, Pat George, Mary Kassuba, June King, Luann Mann, Debra Minnock, Shauna Quick, Steve and Pam K, Tom Roberts. (16 Board members present). **Absent with Notice:** None

Formal Meeting Call to Order: by Judy Miracle @ 6:15 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: All participated.

Agenda: Approved as amended.

Minutes from September 2023: Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Scott B provided a copy of the October Treasurer's report. Approved as presented.

OVHS Board Election Results:

Village Report: Pat G. – Nothing new.

The 175th Septemberfest Summary: Overall, things went well, but we needed more volunteers at certain events and more time to set up properly. Perhaps we could host fewer events in the future. Judy reminded us that the crowds were much larger this year and that was part of the problem.

Personal Historical Recordings: Shauna discussed how a person could record an audio or video recording to donate to the Historical Society and how copyright laws are applied.

Time Capsule Donations: Total Time Capsule donations were \$9,200! The proceeds will be used by the Historical Society for various projects. As a token of our appreciation for Coz and Pam's efforts, they will be given lifetime memberships into the Historical Society! Coz suggested upgrading our electrical wiring.

Christmas in the Village Plans: December 2nd from 1 to 4 PM. Santa Claus will be stationed at the Village Town Hall. We will do our customary bake sale and provide for tours of our Mill.

Window Trim: The trim around some of our windows needs to be watched for wear. We will notify our DPW to help.

Back Door: Alan would like to replace the current back door with a new fiberglass door with electronic controls for \$4200 from a company in Pontiac. He has gotten two bids and would like to vote on this sooner rather than later. Other people discussed fixing the current door to bring it up to specs. Judy M made a motion to allow Alan to proceed with purchasing a new door for \$4200. Motion was passed.

Fixing Furnace: Judy M. also that the current furnace in the Mill also needs fixing and that a new one would cost around \$8,000. Mayor Ryan told her that we will be bringing in an expert on old furnaces and he would be here within a week to take a look. There was no further discussion and no action was taken.

There was also a brief discussion regarding how much the village should pay for building repairs vs. how much the Historical Society should pay.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Pat George (Historian).