

Ortonville Community Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Old Mill Museum
May 2, 2024, 1:00 pm

Members Present: Kathy Gauthier, Ken Bush, Scott Broughton, Alan Allgaier, Mary Alice Seelbinder, LuAnn Mann, Shauna Quick, Mary Kassuba, Judy Miracle.

Absent with notice: Pat George

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 Mary, supported by Ken. Approved

Minutes: postponed

Treasurer's Report: will be submitted at the May 14, membership meeting.

Village Manager Report: Ryan Madis led a discussion regarding the museum furnace, that there may be a issue with the breakers, in that when the microwave or coffee pot is used, the kitchen and office lights dim. Alan proposed that he be allowed to move on getting an electrician to look at our system, and give an assessment to the Village. He will submit a receipt for reimbursement of the service charge to the Village. Ryan agreed.

Regarding the furnace in the Mann School: in November the gas bill was over \$300. Consumers Power came and checked at the meter and found no leak. It was assumed there was a leak or malfunction in the furnace, so it was turned off. Alan's electrician will be asked to give an assessment of that too.

Old Business:

- A. Deaccession of items: Motion by Judy, supported by Alan to approve the attached list of 21 items, which will be either sold, or offered to return to the owner. Approved. (Judy will call Janet Linder regarding the items she donated)
- B. Memorial Day event - Alan submitted a proposal for the Cemetery Walk/Decoration Day Event with budget. Motion made by Scott, supported by Shauna to pay up to \$1000, with the anticipation of receiving a \$250 grant from DDA. The cost is for food for the 40 volunteers, flowers, printing of flyers, and a new display. Proposal page attached. Approved
- C. Report on the Small Museum Meeting of April 27, held by the Flushing Historical Society; Mary, Kathy, Alan and Tina attended. Mary reported the 7 other societies in attendance said they had some of the same issues we deal with: ie. low membership. Some said hosting a program will bring in some

visitors, ie. Card parties or board game night. U of M-Flint students might be a source for help with projects.

- D. M-15 Garage Sale on Saturday, May 4 - Alan reported one vendor has purchased a "booth" in our Vintage Market on our grounds. Otherwise, Alan and Tina will put out duplicate items from our deaccessioned collection for sale. The objective is for us to bring new visitors into the museum, not so much to make money.

New Business:

A. Newsletter - we have not had one in several years, and the consensus is its a great communication tool for our members, and to advise other museums of our activities and visa-versa. One of our life-time members, Kathy (Mills) Campbell has volunteered to try to help us put one together. She does not live locally, so we would need to send her articles electronically. LuAnn suggested to ask members write an article once per year for this purpose. Shauna reported we currently have 50 paid members of OCHS.

B. Open hours of the Mill: It seems that only a few members have been helping to open and man the museum on Saturdays. We passed around a calendar for people to sign up for one Saturday, to open at 10:00 and close at 2:00, to share the responsibilities and not burden just a few.

C. Maintenance man - Shauna will write up a general contract for this purpose.

Adjourn - At 2:25 Shauna made the motion to adjourn. Approved.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Miracle, president.