

Ortonville Community Historical Society
Minutes for Membership Meeting
April 9, 2024

Members Present: Judy Miracle (President), Alan Allgaier, Scott Broughton, Jerry Burkett, Carol Egbo, Grace Geisler, Kathy Gauthier, Pat George, Mary Kassuba, June King, Shauna Quick, Arnie Seelbinder, Mary Alice Seelbinder, Tom Roberts. (13 Board members present). **Absent with Notice:** None.

Annual "Back to the Mill" Pizza Dinner: Enjoyed by all members!

Formal Meeting Call to Order: by Judy Miracle @ 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: All participated.

Agenda: Approved as amended.

Minutes from November 14, 2023: Approved.

Minutes from January 29 Board Meeting: Approved as presented for viewing. Alan A explained how the new door policy will work.

Minutes from March 5 Board Meeting: Approved as presented for viewing. Mary K discussed hiring a part time employee to do various odd jobs at the Mill and how much to pay him.

Treasurer's Report: Scott B provided a copy of the March Treasurer's report. Approved as presented. Scott also requested we transfer small amount of money in Genisys CU to the Oxford account. Approved as presented.

Old Business:

Revised by-laws: Alan A distributed copies of our current Historical Society By-Laws and discussed relevant changes that could be made for the time of year when dues are collected and Officers are elected.

Memorial Day festivities: Alan A is working on a Civil War reenactment that will incorporate 25 uniformed actors that will march in the parade and visit our Cemetery, which currently has the remains of 53 soldiers. Ladies will be placing flowers on the graves. Mary Alice S brought up the important role played by the GAR in helping those in need.

Heating in the Mann School: Previously discussed – Electric Heater will ultimately be purchased and used as needed.

Water Softener Monitor: Mary K discussed hiring a part time employee to do various odd jobs at the Mill and how much to pay him. After discussing the matter, she made a motion to hire Aaron Ramsey on a part time basis, with annual pay not to exceed \$599 annually. Motion approved as presented.

Fire Proof Box: Judy discussed having a fire proof box to store our important papers off site, perhaps at the Village Offices. She will look into it further.

New Business:

5 Year Financial Plan for OCHS: We need to look into this, perhaps with Scott's help.

Recruiting New Members: Allan started the discussion on ways to recruit new members. Mary Alice brought up the history of the Mill and how it was saved from being demolished in the '60s through the efforts of our citizens. Ultimately the expression "Where there's a Mill, there's a Way!" was born.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. (so that we could have deserts!)

Respectfully submitted by: Pat George (Historian).