

Ortonville Community Historical Society  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Old Mill Museum  
May 14, 2024, 6:00 pm

**Members Present:** Kathy Gauthier, Ken Bush, Scott Broughton, Alan Allgaier, Mary Kassuba, Pat George, Carol Egbo, Judy Miracle.

**Absent with notice:** LuAnn Mann, Shauna Quick

**Other Attendees:** Aaron Ramsey

**Formal Meeting** called to order at 6:00 pm by president, Judy Miracle.

**Pledge of Allegiance** - all participated

**Agenda:** Motioned to approve with additions by Alan, supported by Mary.

Approved

**Minutes:** Motioned to approve as written the April 9th Membership meeting, by Alan, supported by Kathy. Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Motioned to approve TR of April 30 by Mary, supported by Alan. Approved.

**Old Business:**

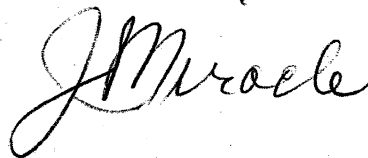
- A. By-Laws - members addressed a concern about the wording of when membership dues are due, etc. Alan will revise the draft submitted, and resubmit, to be voted on at the June meeting.
- B. M-15 Garage Sale on Saturday, May 4 - Alan reported they realized \$104.50 from the event. But, the objective was for us to bring new visitors into the museum, not so much to make money. With that, he estimated 250-300 people came to the sale and most looked into the museum, especially to view the fire engine.
- C. Furnace/electrical concerns - Alan reported he has consulted both a HVAC professional and an electrician. The consensus was our issue with no heat is probably a furnace issue. Alan will meet with the HVAC technician tomorrow, Wednesday, to get his estimate of what needs to be done. Per Ryan Madis, we will submit the bill for the estimate to the Village for reimbursement.
- D. Maintenance person - Mary introduced us to Aaron Ramsey, the young man who will assist OCHS with small maintenance issues. He will begin this month, May and work through October.
- E. Memorial Day event - Alan reported that there will be volunteers dressed in Civil War garb, stationed at 12 Civil War Veterans graves buried in the Ortonville Cemetery. After the parade and ceremony in the cemetery, along with a guided cemetery walk, the reenactors and OCHS members are invited back to the museum for a light lunch. Alan asked that some members stay and monitor the Old Mill, as visitors will surely want to see the displays.

- F. Downstairs door trim - Alan reported he has not been able to schedule this with the repairman, as he is occupied with the Civil War Walk etc.
- G. Deaccession of items - Judy reported when she called Janet Linder, donator of a few military items on the list, Janet chose to come pick them up. Also John McFall came and collected his items. As per our deaccession policy, we will always attempt to find and ask the donator if he/she wants the items back, before we deaccession them.

**New Business:**

- A. OCHS Newsletter - Judy reported she has been coordinating with Kathy (Mills) Campbell to publish a May, 2024 issue. A draft was passed around the meeting. Our goal is to distribute this newsletter very soon, so we can encourage people to attend the Memorial Day event.
- B. OCHS Brochure - Carol volunteered to take our old copies and try to come up with a new one.
- C. 5 year financial plan - A committee has been established with Scott being the chair person, Mary and Alan are also on the committee. We look forward to their recommendations.
- D. Election committee - By-laws state a 3 person committee will determine, by consulting the candidates, and recruit if necessary, members willing to fulfill the duties of the open positions. They will create the ballot for the October election. Mary will act as the chairperson; Scott and Pat are on the committee.
- E. Program - Ken Bush proposed we offer a program entitled "Map Reading - of Rectangular Survey System." Ken will lead the discussion and It will occur on June 19th, Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Old Mill.
- F. Adjourn - At 7:15 Ken made the motion to adjourn. Supported by Alan.  
Approved.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Miracle, president.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Miracle".