

Ortonville Community Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Old Mill Museum
September 4, 2024, 1:00 pm

Members Present: Ken Bush, Scott Broughton, Alan Allgaier, Mary Kassuba, Luann Mann, Kathy Gauthier Judy Miracle.

Absent with notice: Shauna Quick

Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm by president, Judy Miracle.

Pledge of Allegiance - all participated

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

Approved

Old Business:


- A. 5 Year Financial Plan - As committee leader, Scott reported the committee met: their discussion included #1 priority as updated lighting in museum, #2 Signage - outside the museum including the black & white sign on the front of the museum, the temporary sandwich-type signs when we have events, and signage inside the museum. The Village has signage models for us to follow to remain consistent. (Luann shared she might have some wood to use for the replacement of the outside sign.) There were many other long-term suggestions to improve the buildings and to make good use of our monies; the committee will meet again the discuss them further before presenting to the membership.
- B. Septemberfest - for Sept. 14, Saturday. We will open at 10:00 am as usual. The town will carry one until 8 pm, but we will probably close down shortly after the kids event. The blacksmith shop and Mann School will be open with OCHS members to monitor and demonstrate. Inside the museum, Grace will demonstrate rug weaving periodically throughout the day. Apple Pie Baking Contest - bring pies from 11:00 - 1:00, no registrations required. Three judges will assess the pies at 1:00. Prizes awarded by Parks and Rec are 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and honorable mention. Shauna, Drew, Mary, Scott and Judy will handle the event. Pie Eating Contest for Kids - 2:00 outside, 100 pies have been provided by Bueches, and two age groups of kids will compete. Prizes will be awarded by Parks and Rec. We have requested NHS kids to assist.
- C. Village Council and OCHS agreement - Judy reported she had spoken with the new village manager, Matt Ryan, and he planned to rewrite the document I had given him (which was created after many meetings with outgoing village manager - Ryan Madis, and village president - Ken Quisenberry) to read more like a legal agreement. He planned to have it in the packets for the

Village Council meeting in September, which would mean he would send it back to us prior to that for our approval.

New Business:

- D. Witch's Night - Tina Allgaier, Mary Kassuba, and Shauna would meet with Toni Mariuchi on Monday, Sept. 9 to discuss how to carry out the Hat and Cackle Contests for that event.
- E. Halloween - Trick or Treat - Scott advised he would help pass out candy.
- F. Christmas in the Village December 7- Alan advised he had spoken to Hillside Church's pastor, Ken Tison, and proposed having their living Nativity at the Old Mill Campus. We will continue to provide hot chocolate and coffee to visitors to the museum that day. Some discussion about having a float in the parade and tree lighting on Friday night, but no commitments. Otherwise the museum will not be open for visitors that night. Further discussion needs to occur regarding what OCHS will do for the big day, Saturday.
- G. Furnace - Alan reported he had met with Matt Ryan, and Hamilton's employee Job on assessing the needs of the building regarding furnaces and standing water in the basement. Regarding the 4 furnaces in the museum, all are quite new and working properly except the one in the main room. It is old and needs to be replaced, possibly with a much smaller more efficient one. Also it was noted the furnace filters in all of the furnaces were very dirty; Alan would advise Aaron (our maintenance man) to monitor and replace them. The furnace in the school still needs examination, but first they would need to get Consumer Power to turn the gas back on. Matt would contact the power company asap. Further discussion was about the water situation in the basement, humidity build-up overall, and the group had several suggestions on how to solve the problem holistically, which would also help with mold and mildew buildup. Matt would continue that discussion with Alan at a later date.
- H. Adjourn - At 2:30 Ken made the motion to adjourn. Supported by Kathy. Approved.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Miracle, president.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Miracle". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name of the president.