

Ortonville Community Historical Society
Membership Meeting
October 8, 2024
6:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Carol Bacak-Egbo, Kathy Gauthier, Grace Geisler, Scott Broughton, Ken Bush, Alan Allgaier, Tina Allgaier, Kathy Thurman, Mary Alice Seelbinder, Arnold Seelbinder, Mari Ann Vargo, LuAnn Mann, Bob Mills, Kristin Gottschalk, Bob Gottschalk, June King, Shauna Quick, Drew Morrical, Jerry Burkett, Judy Miracle

Absent with Notice:

Meeting Called to Order: by Judy Miracle @ 6:01 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: All participated

Agenda Approved as Amended: Mary Alice Motioned, June Seconded

September Meeting Minutes Approved: Arnold Motioned, Tina Seconded

Old Business

1. Election - Positions Listed
 - a. President – Alan Allgaier
 - b. Vice President – Shauna Quick
 - c. Secretary – Carol Bacak-Egbo
 - d. Treasurer – Scott Broughton
 - e. Trustee – Ken Bush
 - f. Trustee – Mary Kassuba
 - g. Trustee – Kathy Gauthier
 - h. Trustee – Mary Alice Seelbinder
 - i. Trustee – Kathy Thurman
 - j. Trustee – LuAnn Man
2. Judy turned the meeting over to Alan as the new president
3. Witches Night Out
 - a. Tina is coordinating and has volunteers for passports and registering people for the contests.
4. Christmas in the Village Event Planning

- a. Living Nativity Setup: Anticipated high visitor turnout post-parade. The display, coordinated by Ken, will include farm animals and scene furnishings and will likely continue on both Friday night and Saturday.
 - b. Hot Chocolate Stations: Sponsored by Faye and the Senior Center, with stations throughout town on Friday, OCHS will host theirs on Saturday.
 - c. Santa Claus Appearances: Santa will light the Christmas tree on Friday evening and greet children on Saturday.
 - d. Bake Sale Coordination: Scheduled for Saturday. Shauna volunteered to manage the bake sale.
5. Christmas Decoration Day - Saturday, November 9
- a. Decorate the mill, with music and treats. Volunteer roles include setting up trees, lights, and decorations. Ken will help oversee this.
6. Library Use of Old Mill for Filming
- a. Date & Time: Thursday, October 10, 2024, 8 PM - 10 PM
 - b. Purpose: The library plans to film an updated ghost tour video. Shauna will supervise, and the video will credit the Old Mill Museum and Historical Society.
7. Display Updates
- a. Wedding Dress Exhibit Conclusion: The summer display has been dismantled and items returned. The main case is now empty, and ideas for future displays are welcome. Special thanks to Grace and Herb for their contributions and Mary and Kathy for putting it all together!
8. Signage Proposal
- a. Maximum Capacity Sign: Suggested 49-person limit sign for the basement in compliance with fire safety.
 - b. Handicap Accessibility Signs: Proposed signage to indicate accessible entrances/exits and ramps, particularly at the schoolhouse.
 - c. Next Steps: June will submit a proposal with cost estimates and specific signage requirements to the OCHS Board.
9. Halloween Event Coordination
- a. Candy Distribution and Hot Chocolate: Scott will oversee volunteer duties for Trick or Treating in the Village at the Old Mill
10. Winter Tours/Mann School Heating Update
- a. HVAC system successfully tested, and heating is now operational in the main school building. The facility is now accessible for winter school group visits, allowing expanded programming.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Shauna Quick, Vice President.