

Ortonville Community Historical Society
Minutes for the General Membership Meeting June 10, 2025

"The Ortonville Community Historical Society shall work with local government, businesses, organizations and citizens of all ages to research, collect and safeguard our local heritage through living displays and authentic educational experiences."

1. Call to Order by Vice President Shauna at 6: 06 – Alan A. is absent with notice
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Guests / New Members
4. Attendance: Shauna Q , Scott B, Ken B, Kathy T, Mary Alice S, Kathy G, MariAnn G, Mary K, Carol E, Sandy Miller: Absent with notice: Alan A, June K
5. Approval of Agenda – motion as amended by Kathy T – second by Mary Alice S - approved
6. Approval of Minutes of May 13 Gen. Membership Meeting - motion to approve by Kathy T – second by Mary Alice S - approved
7. Treasurer's Report-- Scott B. drew attention to the revenue column on the report he distributed. He reported that Alan A, President of OCHS, assisted someone at the Museum from the Auten family who was visiting from out of town and later he sent \$100. He also reported that the Hamilton donation this year was \$6000 instead of \$5000 like last year. Motion to approve the report by Mary K and second by Kathy T – approved.
8. Executive Officer Reports
 - a. President -- Alan A. was absent with notice but sent a message that he supports the bylaw revisions
 - b. Vice President -- Shauna Q.- no report
 - c. Secretary-- Carol E.- no report
 - d. Treasurer -- Scott B.- nothing in addition to the report he already presented
9. Trustee Reports

Kathy G. – Mary K and Kathy G were at the Mill all day today and started to put the film on the windows upstairs and felt that it came out okay

Kathy T. – nothing to report

Ken B.- nothing to report

LuAnn M.-absent

Mary K.-nothing to report

Mary Alice S.- nothing to report
10. Project Reports
 - a. Architecture Services-- Alan A. – to be continued

- b. Membership Intake Process -- Shauna Q. showed the form and envelopes she has designed for processing new memberships. She explained that people will fill out the form and put it in the donation box along with the envelope. They will be available in a container Shauna is going to get.
- c. Downtown Walking Tour and Student Narration -- Carol E. reported that the DDA is in the final stages of getting the App finished for the Walking tour.
- d. Branding Guidelines -- Shauna Q. reported that at the recent Board meeting she and Alan A. presented Branding Guidelines for OCHS that coordinate with what the Village is using. The Board approved them. They included new colors and new a font for signs, publications, etc. for OCHS. The next thing the Board will look at are priority signs as well as discussing money issues. The use of the new font will be effective immediately> Shauna will be making templates so that people will just need to type in information for things like signs, flyers, etc.

11. Event Reports – Past

- a. May 17 – Garden Show -- Shauna Q. reported that the petting zoo with chickens, a duck, etc. was very popular and lots of people stopped by to see the animals. She also reported that Alan did blacksmithing. The weather got worse later in day but the tent was up to protect from the rain.

May – The classroom visits were very successful. Mary K felt that one day may be enough if we can get enough people since it was very tiring. People agreed that we should try to do it every year. Several people remarked that the kids were well-behaved. They all loved the player piano/ MariAnn V mentioned that one little girl brought her parents back on Saturday. It appears that most of the kids had not been in the Mill before. Mary Alice shared how the kids wanted her to show them how to use the stilts. Someone else remarked that one teacher mentioned that she didn't know why the schools and historical society weren't doing more together. The conclusion was that everybody had fun.

12. Event Reports - Future

- a. June 12 – “The Power of Fire and Heat” -- Tom Roberts at the library – 30 minutes at library and then 30 minutes at the Old Mill -

June 17 – “The Underground Railroad in Oakland County – Carol E will present an overview of the involvement of Oakland County in the Underground Railroad and her research on that topic.

- b. July 5 – Miracle Box Packing -- Boxes will be set up in the Mill for packing. Donation boxes will be set up beginning June 14 –

July 22 – Lake Orion Historical Society visit Old Mill at 3:30 – about 20 people will be visiting

July 23 – An Evening w/ the Mountain Echoes Dulcimer Troop -- concert at the Old Mill

- c. Sept 13 – SeptemberFest -- Art at the Mill has been moved to a separate event. So far events at mill will be pie eating contest and butter churning perhaps.

- d. Oct 3(?) – 8th Grade Museum Tour --Judy M. will be working on this.

Oct 11 – Witches Night

Oct 31 – Halloween

e. TBD – Antique Appraisal Events (exploring)-- Alan A. Sandy M.

f. Dec 6 - Christmas in the Village

13. Unfinished Business

a. Furnace Replacement – Alan A

14. New Business

a. Bylaws --Shauna Q. reported that the recommended revisions for the bylaws were emailed a week ago. Scott went through them quickly and explained that the sections in red are the main changes and those in blue are grammatical, etc. Big changes were briefly discussed such as the number of Board members which has been reduced to 10 which is actually what we have currently. A motion to approve the revised bylaws by Mary K and second by Mary Alice – roll call vote – unanimous. Shauna thanked Kathy T and Scott for all the work they did on the bylaws

b. Nominating Committee – Kathy T is the chair - Vice Pres and Treasurer positions are open and also three trustee positions.

15. Roundtable/Announcements - OCHS has been invited to the OCPHS Summer Social the last weekend of July. Carol mentioned she could hand out any OCHS brochures that day if the group wanted. - MariAnn asked if we could perhaps develop a couple additional kid-oriented displays since we are working more with the schools -

16. Next Meeting / Adjourn -- motion by Ken B. and second by MariAnn - approved – adjourned at 7:20 PM