

Ortonville Community Historical Society
Minutes for Board Meeting September 30, 2025 – 6:00pm
Old Mill – 366 South Street, Ortonville, MI 48462

“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** - at 6 PM

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call** - Carol E., Kathy G, Scott B, Kathy T, Mary Alice S, Mary K, Alan A, Ken B

4. **Approval of Agenda** –Kathy T motion to approve revised agenda with the addition of a discussion of displays as 13b. – Mary K support - approved

5. **Approval of Minutes, Previous Board Meeting** – Kathy T motion to approve – Kathy G second - approved

6. **Executive Officer Reports**

a. **President** - Alan reported that the DDA will give 100 dollars to each business to decorate their front porch or area in front of business, etc. OCHS will be included. A group will be filming next week so the DDA would like the mill open. We will deck out our porch in preparation. Alan also reported that he had sent an invitation to Board members to attend the Oakland Thrive meeting at the Township Hall today. Alan attended and he found out that Thrive can provide free legal services to non-profits.

b. **Vice President** - Shauna - absent

c. **Secretary** - Carol- no report

d. **Treasurer** - Scott – no report

7. **Trustee Reports** Kathy G. – no report

Kathy – no report

Ken – no report

LuAnn – no report

Mary K – alerted board to a gas leak that she reported last week.

The cleaning group did the alert – Alan talked to the Village Manager who called the gas company. It turned out the stove in the kitchen has a leak. The gas is turned off now. It turns out the flex pipe needs replacing and OCHS will take care of the repair.

Mary Alice – wanted the group to know that she was supposed to work the door at the mill for Septemberfest and got called out to the school and went out there and never made it back to be a door greeter. She reported there were kids there from the time she went out to closing time. One couple that she helped was a couple who are thinking of moving a school in Lapeer County.

8. Operating Officer Reports

- a. **Office Manager** - Mary - no report
- b. **Security Administration** - Scott - no report

9. Committee Reports

- a. **Election** - Kathy T. reported that the election will be at the October meeting. Scott and Kathy sent Alan the ballot and since this is an uncontested election we can do the election by acclamation and entertain a motion to vote on the entire slate.

10. Event Reports - Past

- a. **SeptemberFest-** Alan reported it was very successful and raised about \$200 for the pie eating contest
- b. **Art at the Mill** - Alan reported that OCHS got three new memberships as a result of the event . He will be meeting with Olivia and Matt J regarding the event. Everything board members heard about the event was positive.

11. Event Reports – Future

- a. **Oct 11** – Witches Night Out - Mary
- b. **Oct 15 & 18** - Oakland County Museum Bus Tour - Carol
- c. **Oct 31-** Halloween - Scott
- d. **Christmas Decoration Day** (Nov 15) - Alan
- e. **Christmas in Village** (Dec 5,6) - Alan reported that one thing new is that the Fire Department gave permission to run a smores station on the blacksmith pad. Carol E. recommended using little bags for individual smores supplies because it worked so well at a recent Oakland County Parks event she attended.
- f. **SAR** – Road to Liberty Kickoff (May 16) -- Alan

11. Project Reports

- a. **Architecture design** w/ Oakland County - Alan

- b. **Sign Buy**- Alan reported that the DDA did kick in \$200 for the signs

12. **Unfinished Business**

- a. **New Member Process** -- Scott reported he is entering member data on a Google Doc. Shauna was doing the Welcome Packet so we need to make sure it is still finished. Alan suggested that the incoming VP might be able to take this project over.

13. **New Business**

- a. **Winter Banquet** - Alan reminded the group that 42 people attended last year at the library but it was lots of work for Alan and Tina so perhaps we should look at a new option. He reported that using a restaurant is likely cost-prohibited so he went to Faye at the Senior Center and asked about the possibility of the Senior Center catering it and using the Center for the event. – Question: last year OCHS paid for it all – should we still do that??? Good discussion followed. The decision was made to have people think it over and we will discuss it again at the next Board meeting in November.
- b. **Displays** – We have a Display Committee but Mary K stated that it seems like in some ways it has disappeared. When Mary K and Kathy G do a display they talk to Alan and the members of the committee but it seems like now displays are occurring without a process. Mary K does not want to discourage having more displays but perhaps we need some type of protocol in place.

14. **Roundtable** -- All -

15. **Adjourn** at 7:15 PM