

Ortonville Community Historical Society
Minutes of General Membership Meeting Dec 9, 2025 6:00pm
Old Mill Museum - 366 Mill 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 - Alan called the meeting to order at 6 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Guests / New Members - Alan
4. Attendance: Carol E, Ken B, Mari Ann V, Tina A, Kathy T, Tom R, Scott B, Alan A, Duane G, Sandy M, Mary K, Brent B, Sandy B
5. Approval of Agenda- motion to approve by Kathy T and second by Mari Ann - approved
6. Approval of Minutes, November Gen. Membership Meeting: motion to approve by Sandy M and second by Ken - approved
7. Treasurer’s Report-- Scott reported there were two more blacksmith classes reflected in the accounts and close to \$700 for Christmas sales which was twice as much as last year for those sales. He offered thanks to everyone including Carol’s Granddaughter for their contributions of crafts. – motion by Kathy T to approve– second by Sandy M - approved
8. Executive Officer Reports
 - a. President -Alan reported that when Mary Alice passed away he put together text for *The Citizen* regarding Mary Alice. He also reported that the Board has created a new spending authorization process which he summarized. It short, it means that the approval of the President or Vice-President is needed in order to spend money.
 - b. Vice President - Mari Ann reported that she was appreciative of NHS students at the Christmas event but that it would help to have more information ahead of time so we can make the best use of them. It turned out we ended up with six, more than anticipated.
 - c. Secretary - Carol remarked that she loved being at the Parade and also Christmas in the Village at the Old Mill
 - d. Treasurer - Scott commented about how much effort Alan put into narrating the Parade
9. Trustee Reports Kathy G. – no report
Kathy T. – no report
Ken – no report
Sandy – commented about how wonderful Santa was
10. Project Reports
11. Event Reports – Past & Current
 - a. Holiday Decoration Donation Drive- Alan reported that this project is still going on
 - b. Christmas in the Village - Alan reported that he has sent several thank-you’s for people who helped – e.g. Faye for hot chocolate, etc.
 - c. Merry Thriftmas Gift Shop - Mary Ann reported that we will be having a sale for the things still left and after that anything left over will be boxed up for another sale like the M15 sale.
12. Event Reports - Future

- a. Jan 13 – 6pm – Winter Banquet - Scott reported that the event will take place at 15th Street Tavern – 10081 S. Ortonville Road, Clarkston - Members should notify Scott if they are attending. We will be ordering off the menu.
- b. May 2 -Vintage Sale - Sandy, Alan
- c. May 16 - SAR – Road to Independence kickoff - Alan
- d. Aug 1 - Art at the Mill -- Alan

13. Unfinished Business

- a. Historical Information Requests - followup – Mari Ann will be the project coordinator for this

14. New Business

- a. Motion to accept 2026 dues fee schedule for as proposed by the Board
 - Annual Individual - \$15
 - Annual Family (Same Household) - \$20
 - Lifetime Individual - \$100
 - Lifetime Family - \$150Motion by Alan and second by Scott - approved

15. Roundtable/Announcements – Duane is working on some research on Dr. Uloff who was a Knight's Templar and also he wants to write an article on Ortonville's connection to the Civil War for America250 – Mary K asked what are we going to do with the floors: are we going to expect the cleaning people to clean our floors which are unusually dirty due to lots of people being in the old mill recently. She feels we really need to get mats - Tom Roberts reported that he had talked to Stan Hughes and he said we gave out over 80 bags of s'mores supplies at the Christmas event. It was a big success and well-received. He did report, however, that it was so cold that the marshmallows and chocolate were frozen so next year they plan to keep the supplies warmer.

16. Adjourn - Ken motion to adjourn at 7:16 PM and second by Mari Ann

Note: General Membership Meeting for January is cancelled in lieu of the Winter Banquet. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 10th 6:00pm at the Old Mill Museum.