

**Ortonville Community Historical Society
Minutes for Board Meeting May 26 – 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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call - Alan A, Mari Ann, Carol E, Sandy M, Kathy T,

4. Approval of Agenda - Additions: 13 G Nomination Committee and 13 H Intergenerational BBQ donation – Kathy T motion to approve as amended – Sandy second - approved

5. Approval of Minutes, Previous Board Meeting – motion to approve with changes by Alan A – second by Sandy M - approved

6. Executive Officer Reports

- a. President - Alan shared that he is working with Matt Jenkins and others on the Rural Heritage grant for a fire suppression system for the mill.
- b. Vice President - Mari Ann – nothing to report
- c. Secretary - Carol – nothing to report
- d. Treasurer - Alan (pro tempore) went over the financial report that was in the packet- motion to approve and file report by Kathy T – second by Sandy M- approved

7. Trustee Reports

Kathy T. – got an aerial of the property across from the mill to see what it includes
Ken - absent
Sandy – nothing

8. Committee Reports

- a. Procedure Review - Kathy – nothing to report

9. Event Reports – Past – comment by Sandy on the Antique Sale which she felt went well – Alan added some positive comments about the Road to Revolution event -

10. Event Reports – Future (*limited to Board Actions*)

- a. 2nd Grade School Visit (May 28) - Alan -
- b. America 250 at Oakland History Center (July 25) - Alan

11. Project Reports (*limited to Board Actions*)

- a. Gift Shop - Alan reported that consignment deals have been established e.g. with Tom Roberts for honey, and with a leatherworks person. We keep 20% of the sales. He also added that we do have some mill t-shirts that will be printed.

- b. School Refresh - Alan / Mari Ann

12. Unfinished Business

- a. Lawyer on Retainer - Alan

13. New Business

- a. America In Bloom - onsite visit July 9-10

See attached flyer; who should take the lead ? – Sandy will represent us.

- b. Main Street Connected Grant (due June 1)

See attached flyer. Do we have time to react? – The decision was made that we won't be pursuing this.

- c. Space to Curate

Generate ideas on how to relieve our space shortage - Alan suggested we use the upstairs room and re-distribute the artifacts already there like the military things in the display cases.

- d. OCHS Meeting Minutes on Village Website

What's the appropriate level of detail for a public website - We will recommend we have the Newsletter posted instead.

- e. Heating expenses paid by the Village

Can we reduce the cost burden to the Village? - Alan reported that this winter our costs were higher because we heated the mill for the cleaning crew and kept the school heated. Here are some ideas to cut costs: We could turn off heat in the school for winter. We could cancel the cleaning crew for winter. An important point is that we don't want to have to close on Saturdays

- f. Treasurer 'pro tempore' review

It wasn't supposed to last this long. Does it need refining? – We will try out having two signatures on a check for two months.

- g. Nominating Committee – We need a committee since it is May. This committee runs the election. It was decided that members will be Kathy T and two others she will find. Kathy T will be the chair

- h. Intergenerational BBQ and Carnival Games – from Faye: She has asked for OCHS to donate an item. The Board decided to donate a photo of the mill in a frame which Alan showed the Board.

14. Roundtable

- 15. **Adjourn** – Kathy T – second by Sandy - approved