

Olive Township Historical Society Meeting August 28, 2007 - 7 pm

Present:

Kay Headley

Wayne Vander Zwaag

Debbie Wolters

Bruce and Millie Bartels

Ron and Sandy Poppema

Ken and Wanda Hepler

Dean Timmer

Glen Ten Brink

President Kay Headley thanked all for all their work in the past few months.

Reviewed and critiqued the last two events.

150th picnic

- ◆ Great attendance
- ◆ Older people would have liked golf carts to get around outside to see the events out there (alpacas, demonstrations)
- ◆ Lack of kids at event-discussed that it wasn't the kind of event young families would attend, and discussed all the other events in the area that Saturday.
- ◆ Displays- there were some comments that they were too crowded together, would have like them spread out more.
- ◆ Overall there were many great comments about the event.
- ◆ Food: Great selection, good food and Faith United did well on their sales.
- ◆ Soft Spot: people enjoyed- and Soft Spot gave back the total donations \$153.75

Garden Tour

- ⊗ 62 tickets were purchased.
- ⊗ Comments that there were not very many local people.
Drew lots of people from other areas - advertising paid off.
- ⊗ Note that the sentinel blurb only listed it as Friday, another mention that it was put correctly in the lakeshore edition for Friday and Saturday.
- ⊗ Comments that they gardens were to far apart. Discussed this is the country, and also mentioned that parade of homes are scattered all over.
- ⊗ All the perennial plants sold.
- ⊗ Mentioned that some people came to the museum to view displays only and did not participate in the garden tours
- ⊗ People commented on the nice organization of the event.
- ⊗ Great Weather for all events

Brief discussion of security at museum, talked about the costs and the need for a phone line and that cost, and if there is a need of it when we have other peoples valuables.

Fall Event/ Fireworks

We had the insurance, location and other item in place for the event- but it is no longer in the planning stages. Todd Wolters (Supervisor) let us know that regretfully the Township Board was not in agreement about the cost involved with the turnout we might receive.

Website:

We have a link to the Historical Society from the Township Site. We need to provide Todd Talsma with headers, information, links and other items. We also need to do a write up of how we formed and are goals and objectives.

DVD-

Henry Redder (from Zeeland) does DVDs of events. The idea was to do one for the Memorial Day Celebration. It would require collecting videos and pictures of that day. Upon further discussion it was decided to wait and do a 150th Celebration DVD- with all the events for the year on it. We will need to know cost, and if we can duplicate from the original. Suggested to maybe do a sign up list for any one interested in a DVD at the Christmas Tour.

Photographs

The larger collages and other framed photos of the events are currently at the town hall. It was decided to put them there for tax time when a large group of individuals will be able to view them. We discussed having a flyer of some sort to have available for anyone who shows interest.

Newsletter-

The quarterly newsletter was discussed and the need for someone to put in together. Debbie Wolters volunteered. We will still need information from other members to put in the newsletter, and suggestions of maybe putting the photographs we have that need names in the newsletter also. Next newsletter should have a large area for Thank you's for our events, also suggested to have the newsletter available online.

OLD BUSINESS

Pheasant Run Monument- Needs some serious attention. Needs a strong weed killer applied and more bark added to prevent weed growth. There also was discussion about putting plastic down for protection. Was suggested that maybe a landscaper that has supported the society might be able to donate and apply the weed prevention chemical. It was suggested that we might be able to set up with a local Scout troop that would maintain the area as a service project.

NEW BUSINESS

Mini Meetings/ Events: Discussed again the possibility for a Saturday or evening mini event (such as crafts, presentations, speakers, trips.). Everyone was asked to come to our next meeting with one or more suggestions for this idea. We will then try to schedule them in once a month.

Christmas Home Tour- (Dec 7 and 8)

We currently have 5 homes that would like to be included in the tour, and 5 others interested but not committed. Discussed how many are too many if most homes take a half hour to view.

The museum will be open for the Vintage Christmas Ornament display.

A suggestion and discussion of a tree decorating event included. We could have area schools, or churches have kids groups to decorate a tree. The trees would be up for a week to receive votes from visitors viewing the display. There would be a prize for the winner, and it's a way to get younger families, and more people involved. Talked about the possibility of having it at the current town hall where there is always staff present, and a larger area to display- will need to be discussed with the board, and see if the space is available. It would also be a stop on the Christmas Tour.

5 New Memberships in July.

Future item to consider: the nomination and elections of officers for the historical society.

Next meeting will begin planning for this event, to allow for advertising to be out on time.

Financial Report was discussed.

Garden Tour results

\$620 sales of tickets
\$ 50.50 book sales
\$ 351.75 in plant sales
\$175 in tour ads
\$ Disbursement totals were not available yet.

Picnic

\$237 Silent Auction
\$180 Bus Tour ads:
\$216.25 Donations
\$142.50 Book Sales
\$ 60 School Replicas
\$54 Quilt Names

Next meeting will be Tuesday September 25, at 7 pm.