

**41<sup>st</sup> MEETING ~ OLIVE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2007 ~ 7:00 P.M.  
11768 POLK STREET ~ HOLLAND, MI 49424**

**Members Present:** Kathryn Headley, Glenn Ten Brink, Wayne Vander Zwaag, Kit and Sandra Karsten, Debbie Wolters, Beverly Jaarsma and Bruce and Millie Bartels.

- 1) Wayne Vander Zwaag, Vice President called the meeting to order, and extended a welcome to everyone.
- 2) Special thanks were extended to everyone who helped out in any way with the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and the Garden Tour and Wedding Dress exhibit at the museum. We had a very busy spring and summer!
- 3) Special thanks to Deb Wolters for undertaking the newsletter responsibility. Thanks to Beverly Jaarsma for 2 years of preparing newsletters.
- 4) Special thanks to Deb Wolters for her great pictures, cards. Pictures of events are on display at the Olive Township Office Complex. Stop by and take a look!!!
- 5) **“Mini”** sessions were discussed. Brain storming was done.....Craft classes, Membership gathering, visit other historical society facilities, guest speakers, leave displays up for a longer period, set up permanent sites in museum for viewing, have museum open once a month, open Memorial Day, display special things monthly or quarterly, School display set up, Highlight different quarterly, Kit can give us a list of special speakers.
- 6) **Social for Members – January 12<sup>th</sup>** (snow date January 19<sup>th</sup>). We will host an evening with munchies beginning at **6:45 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. Kit Karsten will share his picture presentation** of the Veneklasen Brick. We will invite the Township Board, families in our community with Veneklasen Brick homes and others who are interested. Deb will prepare and send invitations! Deb will prepare a questionnaire to secure information of our members as to their interests and availabilities.
- 7) **Pheasant Monument** - Kay Headley presented a quote from Royster Clark, stating that it would cost approximately \$200 for Agricultural/Commercial spray to kill the wild growth at the monument. If there are youth in the community needing “community service” hours we would welcome help with landscaping the site. The Spraying for weeds was tabled!
- 8) **Country Christmas Tour** – Sandra Kartsen will be contacting families that have given an indication that they would be interested in opening their home for the tour! We plan to host at least 6 homes. Deadline will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> in order to get our brochures readied and advertisements out.
  - a. cost is \$10 for adults, Children 12 and under \$5, members are half price.
  - b. David Eppelhiemer, will display his “Vintage” Christmas Ornament collection at the museum.
  - c. Homes will be open for tour Friday, December 7 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - d. Tickets will be sold in advance at the Olive Township office, or by members, or at the museum the day of the tour. Deb will print up tickets.
  - e. “footies” will be available for use at the homes!
  - f. Members are needed to sit at each home. Any volunteers call Sandy Karsten at 875-8036,
  - g. Several members volunteered to display a specialty tree at the museum along with the vintage ornament display.
- 9) **Web-site** – The Olive Township Historical Society Web-site is now a link from the Olive Township Web-site. Todd Talsma is adding the details.....Deb will be setting up links with in our site for cemetery records, family roots, historical pictures and current events. Bev will be e-mailing the minutes to the site as well. Henry Redder has offered to make a DVD of our events.....we will wait until we have a year completed.
- 10) **2008 Budget** - Budget items will be considered for the next fiscal year. This will be placed on our next month agenda.
- 11) **Remodel** – It was decided to remove the office partition that was constructed within the large room of the hall. Deb contact Joe Bush, Trustee of the Township Board for feasibility of this project. Electrical outlets have to be considered.
- 12) **Next Meeting will be Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**
- 13) Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Jaarsma, Secretary/Treasurer

