

45th MEETING ~ MINUTES
OLIVE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JANUARY 23, 2008 ~ 7:00 P.M.
11768 POLK STREET ~ HOLLAND, MI 49424

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathryn Headley, Beverly Jaarsma, Bruce and Mildred Bartels, Kit and Sandra Karsten, Jim and Sandra Poppema, Glen Ten Brink, Deb Wolters and Wayne Vander Zwaag.

Kit Karsten, President called the meeting to order and extended a warm welcome and a special thanks to each one who helped out with the Social Night to make it a great success. Several residents of the community joined us for a Social Night.

Old Business:

- 1) Removal of Office interior! It was discussed whether it would be advantageous to remove the interior office, or to use it as a storage place for the time being. It was decided not to remove the interior office at this time.
- 2) Pheasant Monument – Many residents signed the survey sheets indicated that they would like to help out with bush cleaning and trimming. Therefore, in the spring we will revisit the site and make improvements.
- 3) West Olive Cemetery – We will secure the input from Sexton, Frank Gort, as to the needs at the West Olive Cemetery. A trash barrel was discussed for discarded flowers.
- 4) E-mail addresses – up date of all township officers and members e-mails. Sandy has an updated list.
- 5) Web-site – Deb Wolters is working on this project.
- 6) DVD – Memorial Day event – Deb still working on this.

New Business:

- 1) **Brain Storming for events for 2008** - Bil Mar Museum; Rod Kruithoff, Clyde Poll Museum, Randy Meyers – Scout Collection, Delbert Hoffman – John Deere Museum; Coopersville Museum, Craft night at Deb Wolters, Carlton Park – Historical Bldgs; Hart/Allegan Historical Bldgs; Felt Mansion, Geology, Railroad History; Barn Anniversaries; Historical Homes; Cemetery heritage; LuAnn De Vries – Cemetery knowledge; Ralph Haan.
- 2) **Cost of Programs was touched on!**
- 3) It was decided to hold the following:
 - A. SPRING: Memorial Day – Open house at the Museum following the Memorial Day at the Olive Township Cemetery. Lunch will also be available.
 - B. SUMMER: Old Fashion Farm Days – Summer; probably at South Olive CRC and have old steam engines and other tractors on display.....Friday night host a baseball game with the Douglas Dutchers, with an ice cream social.
 - C. FALL: Host an open house at the Marv De Witt wild animal museum in the fall.
 - D. WINTER: Xmas Tour – we have a few homes already committed. Need an idea for the museum to be open for a tour. Family Christmas trees was suggested; family portraits and home pictures with history.
- 4) We have decided to hold an area “Old” Settlers Day” in the Harlem area in 2009.
- 5) Wish list will be generated and added to the Spring newsletter which will be forth coming soon.
- 6) Historic Home Plaques – for homes in the community that are 50 years of age and older and in original condition will be worked on. A form will be available for home owners to fill out and apply for the plaque to be placed on their home.
- 7) The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
- 8) The next meeting will be held February 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Jaarsma

