

46TH MEETING ~ MINUTES
OLIVE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FEBRUARY 26, 2008 ~ 7:00 P.M.
11768 POLK STREET ~ HOLLAND, MI 49424

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kit and Sandra Karsten, Bruce and Mildred Bartels, Kathryn Headley, Glenn Ten Brink and Beverly Jaarsma.

- 1) Kit Karsten, President called the meeting to order and extended a warm welcome to everyone.
- 2) Treasures Report was handed out! We collected \$150 dollars in membership dues and \$75 in donations for the month of February. We had no disbursements. The Fund Balance is \$6,661.31. A Special thanks is extended to our members for their generous support.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **West Olive Cemetery** ~ Bev Jaarsma contacted Frank Gort the Sexton and Frank recommended the following: a) Unearth grave markers and place them on 2 inch paver blocks b) clean markers (he has buckets, brushes and chemical to remove mold and mildew) c) place small circle pavers on Veterans graves for placement of Flags on Memorial Day. A date in early spring will be set to go out and work on the project. d) Also, discussed placing a sign with the name of the Cemetery by the road. e) It would be great to have the Advance do a write up on the work being done. Photo's could be taken and sent or have them come out to the site.
- 2) **Website** ~ needs up dating. Bev will contact Todd to add in new officers. We will check on other needs.
- 3) **Newsletter** ~ Spring news letter is being worked on. We'll add a few highlights to the Olive Township news letter which will come out in April, which hits all residents in Olive Township.
- 4) **2007 Memorial DVD** ~ This is still being worked on. We'd like to have it ready by 2008 Memorial Day.
- 5) **May 26, 2008 Memorial Day** ~ Discussion was held concerning a "Memorial Day Family Stroll" which would be a parade, by either walking or riding bikes from the Cemetery to the Museum on Polk Street. This would depict an event of by gone days, such as, "in 1908 children and parents walked from the Ottawa School to the Cemetery with flags and banners and placed flags at the Veterans markers, and thereafter a service was held." Also, discussion was held concerning a light lunch to be served at the museum and having a Memorial Day Display. Similar to the one displayed last year but not nearly as large. Details of the event would be posted in the Zeeland Record and area church newsletters and bulletins right along with the news of the Memorial Day Service, which is held at the Olive Township Cemetery annually.
- 6) **Wish List** ~ The list that was handed out at the Social Night....will be highlighted in the next newsletter. Note: No item is too small.....we would like to start a supply cupboard with paper, tape, pens, etc.

- 7) **Historic Home Plaques** ~ Discussion was held concerning historic homes in our community. We have many homes that are at least 75 years old and still have the vintage appearance. As a society we would like to recognize them with a plaque which can be placed on the home. We need the age of the home, history of owners and make up of the home. Kit will get a questionnaire from the Zeeland Historical Society to make one up for our society. Glenn Ten Brink and Kathryn Headley have consented to being the first to apply for the plaque. History/pictures of their homes would be kept on record with the Society. Kit will get a plaque from the Zeeland Historical Society and find out what the cost is!
- 8) **Outdoor Signage** ~ Discussion was held concerning placing a sign out front of the museum indicating "Olive Township Historical Society"! A motion was made by Kathryn, supported by Bruce Bartels to purchase a sign with cost not to exceed \$250. Virginia Kooyers will be contacted to see if she can paint a sign for us!
- 9) **Pheasant Monument** ~ The grounds need to be sprayed with weed killer, before wood chips can be placed. Kit will contact Blue Ridge Landscape for a cost!

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Organize Museum ~ Articles** in the museum need to be organized and boxed for storage. We have set Friday, March 7th from 9 to 12 noon to begin the project. If you are free that morning you are welcome to come out and lend a hand. "Many hands make light work!"

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- 2) **ORC** ~ April 26th "Thing in the Spring" event! The society was asked to set up a booth whereby we can state our mission statement "Preserving History for Future Generations". Also, to be an outreach to the community! We have decided that we would like to be a part of this event. Kathryn will make the arrangements and let us know what needs to be done!
- 3) **Float/Dandelion Parade** ~ The Society has been asked to participate in the Dandelion Parade in Borculo the first Saturday in May. We have decided to participate and to have a float set up like a school room. We will walk along and hand out flyers announcing our mission and purpose and candy for the kids. Kathryn will drive her car and we will ask Dwight Vander Zwaag for use of his hay wagon.
- 4) **Events** ~ Anyone having an idea for a group outing that would be of interest or that pertains to the Society, you are asked to call Kit Karsten (875-8036). This would be a two fold endeavor, one of learning and interest and also having fellowship with our society members.
- 5) **Next meeting was set for March 25th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend!**

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Jaarsma, Secretary/Treasurer