

47th MEETING ~ MINUTES
OLIVE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MARCH 25, 2008 ~ 7:00 P.M.
11768 POLK STREET ~ HOLLAND, MI 49424

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kit and Sandra Karsten, Bruce and Millie Bartels, Kathryn (Kay) Headley, Glenn Ten Brink, Deb Wolters, Beverly Jaarsma, and Chet and Iona Bartels.

- 1) President, Kit Karsten, called the meeting to order and extended a warm welcome to everyone!
- 2) Treasures Report was handed out! We collected \$85 dollars in membership dues and paid out \$30 for memorial gifts. The Fund Balance is \$6,716.31 and \$29 in petty cash.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 3) **West Olive Cemetery ~ Needs)** Unearth grave markers and place them on 2 inch paver blocks; place small circle pavers on Veterans graves for placement of Flags for Memorial Day; clean grave stones . Bruce will check out prices on the paver stones. Glenn and Chet will walk the cemetery to see how many stones need unearthing and where they are. Bev will get them a copy of the cemetery layout for them to mark up needed spaces.
- 4) **Web Site** ~ has been updated. We are not sure about putting information in the links. Deb will see what the availability is.
- 5) **Newsletter** ~ Deb has the Spring Newsletter ready for printing. Kit and Sandy will have them run off and mail them out.
- 6) **2007 Memorial DVD** ~ We are still looking for someone to cut a DVD of our Memorial Day events. Anyone having knowledge of a source please contact one of the members.
- 7) **2008 Memorial Day** ~ We are planning a stroll from the Cemetery to the Museum. The fire department will be contacted for traffic control. Details will be announced in newspapers, church bulletins/newsletters and township newsletters. We will have several displays set up in the museum and it will be open for tour until 4:00 p.m. We will start setting up May 6th at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested is welcome to come out and lend a hand.
- 8) **Heritage Home Plaques** ~ Kit stated that the cost of one plaque is \$45. A list of requirements was presented. Plaques can be given for homes, barns, businesses etc. that are 75 years of age or older and in original décor. The plaque will be given to be placed on the home when all the information is received and approved. Anyone interested in applying for the plaque should contact Kit Karsten at 875-8036.
- 9) **Outdoor Sign** ~ Sandy has contacted Virginia Kooyers and she has consented to paint a sign. Kit and Sandy will contact the township for a signage permit.
- 10) **Pheasant Monument** ~ herbicide is needed to control the weeds. More wood chips would help for ground cover. Will discuss next month.
- 11) **ORC Thing in the Spring** ~ April 26th Ottawa Reformed Church is hosting a “Thing in the Spring” for community residents. Many booths will be represented

for service to the community. Blood pressure check is one booth! The society will set up a booth....with newsletters, tour brochures, etc. displaying our desire to "Preserve History for Future Generations". The event will be held from 9 to 2.

12) **Float/Dandelion Parade** ~ Dwight Vander Zwaag offered the use of his hay wagon. Either Kay or Trevor will pull the wagon with either a car or tractor. We will have a float of school desks of different era's and have signage on it. We will walk along and hand out newsletters and candy.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) **Matching Gift/Grant** ~ We received a letter from Bristo~Meyer stating that they added our name to a

donor fund, whereby their employees can contribute monies for a grant match. Deb will check the on-line site and give us a run down of the details. We thank Christy Taylor for submitting our name.

2) **De Witt Museum** ~ We were given the opportunity to host an open house/tour fund raiser at Marvin De

Witt's Museum. We express our thanks to the De Witt's for their generous support. We will set a date at a later time.

3) **Museum** ~ plans are to have the museum open a few Saturdays following Memorial Day in order for residents to stop by and view the displays.

4) **Tables, broken Chairs, Chair Rack and Dishes** ~ will be disposed of. New light weight tables will be purchased.

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4) **Holland Historical Society** ~ called to set up a date with us to host an ice cream social. They will be coming out to our July 2009 meeting. They would like to see our facility and historical sites.

5) **Cleaning** ~ Sandy Karsten has been busying cleaning out the facility. A BIG THANKS. Seasonal items have been stored in the attic.

6) **Next meeting** will be Tuesday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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BEVERLY JAARSMA, Secretary/Treasurer

March 25,

Date

