

**52<sup>ND</sup> MEETING ~ MINUTES**  
**OLIVE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**AUGUST 26, 2008 ~ 7:00 P.M.**  
**11768 POLK STREET ~ HOLLAND, MI 49424**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kit and Sandra Karsten, President and Vice President; Beverly Jaarsma, Treasurer and Secretary; Kay Headley, Glenn Ten Brink and Wayne Vander Zwaag.

- 1) **President, Kit Karsten** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and extended a warm greeting.
- 2) **The Treasurers report** was handed out: \$165.00 was collected from DVD sales; \$15.50 for Book sales and \$238.40 donation from Bristol Myers Squibb (%Chris Taylor). A special thanks to Chris for representing our society at Bristol Myers Squibb in order for us to receive these funds. We paid out \$20 for our annual incorporation fee to the State and \$16.80 for Misc. items, therefore, having a balance of \$7,270.36 in our checking account.
- 3) **Antiques** ~ Kit and Sandra Karsten and Jim and Sandra Poppema when to South Haven this week and picked up many beautiful antique items that were donated by Bob and Julie Sherwood. They will be a great asset to our museum.
- 4) **Antiques** ~ Kay Headley, Beverly and Gary Jaarsma and Dean Timmer when to Holland this past week and picked up several antique items that were donated by Russ and Lillian Veldheer. They too are a great asset to our collection.
- 5) **Sign for Museum** ~ The sign project is still on going.
- 6) **Christmas Home Tour** ~ Nativity scenes will be on display. If you have one to show, please contact Sandra Karsten at 875-8036. We have five homes at this time that have committed to sharing their home for the tour. We need a few more!!!! We will also contact the Hepler's to see if the Ottawa school could be open.
- 7) **Home Plagues** ~ Fact sheets have been handed out to a few residents.
- 8) **Historical Marker** ~ Historical markers are ready to be placed at the South Olive Church Steeple display. We will check other sites in the community for such markers. Green markers with the history of a church, school, etc. will be reviewed. The cost for these markers are around \$1,500, therefore, each church or school would need to solicit their own funds.
- 9) **Fall Newsletter** ~ will be coming out in October. Highlighting the Christmas Tour; a resident of the community and explaining our home plaque project and a few other items of interest.
- 10) **Storage of antiques** ~ Glenn Ten Brink offered a vacant garage on his property to house many of the items that cannot be displayed at this time, due to a lack of room in our museum.
- 11) **Discussion of ways and means of storing and displaying items** ~ Many suggestions were brought to the table: Speak with Township Board about placing a structure on the property for storage; add a floor on top the interior office; add a display railing around the interior of the museum, remove the doors to the interior offices and cut in large arches to make room for viewing items.
- 12) **Shelving** ~ Glenn Ten Brink stated that International Aid did some reconstruction of their storage areas and have some heavy shelving materials available. Glenn will check to see if they are still available.
- 13) **US Flag** ~ The flag on the pole out side is getting tattered! We will contact Frank Gort to see if he can supply us with a new one.
- 14) **Pheasant Monument** ~ still needs trimming. We will contact those who offered to work and see if a date can be set to get the project taken care of.
- 15) **Ottawa School District Census and Olive Center School District Census reports** ~ (dating back to 1886) have been recopied from their original books and have been placed in note books for viewing.
- 16) The meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.
- 17) The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Jaarsma, Secretary/Treasurer