

**53<sup>RD</sup> MEETING ~ MINUTES**  
**OLIVE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 ~ 7:00 P.M.**  
**11768 POLK STREET ~ HOLLAND, MI 49424**

**Members Present:** Kathryn Headley, Glenn Ten Brink, Kit and Sandra Karsten, Debbie Wolters, Jim and Sandy Poppema.

- 1) Kit Karsten called the meeting to order, and extended a welcome to everyone.
- 2) Copies of the **financial statement** were distributed for review.
- 3) The newest version of the **newsletter** is done.
  - a. We included some color insert sheet for the Christmas Tour and the article on the DeWind reunion. Copies were distributed for members to distribute, to save postage- and the rest will be sent by Mail.
  - b. One more newsletter will be going out at the end of this year. Anyone interested in submitting articles is welcome to give or email them to Debbie Wolters ([wolterste@yahoo.com](mailto:wolterste@yahoo.com))
  - c. A list of people to interview was made. The next one will be Peter Dewind, other suggestions were Pearl Brouwer and the Vanden Bosch family. If you have other ideas let us know.
- 4) **The historical plaques** were discussed. Lori is writing up a piece on Pearl Brower's home and barn. Others have inquired about the process.
- 5) The **sign is ready for the South Olive Steeple**, the church has okayed it – now we just need to get a post and have someone put it up by the steeple.
- 6) There was discussion on how to get more **members**, and the fact that 10 members do all the work, but the additional members financial portion is definitely needed.
- 7) **Donations to Museum** A large number of items have been donated, we are in the process of having those items appraised. We also discussed possible ways to display those items. Glen is going to have Wayne Busscher look at the possibility of adding shelves around the room, and advise us how to do it if it is possible. We will be photographing all items for our records- and we need to send out thank you notes to the donators. Once the photographing is done Debbie will make college cards to send to the donors.
- 8) A motion was made and approved for the **Historical Society to purchase a digital camera** for the museum and the events. The price was set at \$250 max, and Debbie Wolters volunteered to purchase it. Motion Carried.
- 9) **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 currently have five homes committed and would like to have at least 6. We need to know by the end of October what homes will be in – to get advertising started.
  - Ed and Tricia Koster
  - Gary and Sharon Smeyers
  - Brent and Candace Nienhuis
  - Joel and Wanda Miedema
  - Mitch and Lynette WeenerAnd Lenore Streur will be having a live nativity at her barn.
- a. cost is \$10 for adults, Children 12 and under \$5, members are half price.
- b. It was voted on and approved to give a **free year membership to the owners** who are putting their homes in this year's tour. Motion Carried
- c. A collection of **Nativity scenes** will be displayed at the museum. We will keep the museum set up as it currently is and just add the nativity scenes, trees and other Christmas items among the present displays.
- d. Homes will be open for tour **Friday, December 5. and Saturday, December 6**

- e. **Members are needed to sit at each home.** Any volunteers call Sandy Karsten at 875-8036, we need to find more people willing to help out with the tour.
- 10) We **discussed officers for the next year**- Kay is done with her one year term- she can go on again-or be done. All other offices are to be re-elected .
- 11) We started to discuss ideas for 2008- and agreed that the **Memorial Day Event/ Walk** should be repeated again.
- 12) Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
- 13) Next Meeting will be Tuesday, October 28<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Wolters (Assistant Secretary / Treasurer)