

54TH MEETING ~ MINUTES
OLIVE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING OCTOBER 28, 2008 ~ 7:00 P.M.
11768 POLK STREET ~ HOLLAND, MI 49424

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Ten Brink, Kit and Sandra Karsten, Jim and Sandra Poppema, Debbie Wolters, Ruth Kooiker, and Beverly Jaarsma.

- 1) Kit Karsten, President called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to everyone.
- 2) Copies of the **financial statement** were distributed and reviewed. Balance in checking account is 7,219.36.
- 3) **Historical marker plaque** ~ will be presented to Pearl Brouwer, with the founding members present. Will try to get the Advance to come out and take a picture and do a briefing in the paper. Bev will contact the family to set up a date. Kit will contact the Advance.
- 4) **Historical Marker** ~ will be placed at the South Olive Steeple location.
- 5) **Christmas Tour up date** ~ going well. Details were listed.
 - a. Nov. 17 and 18 Gathering of Nativity Scenes – have one to show, please call Sandy at 875-8063.
 - b. Nov. 17 ~ 9:00 a.m. take Christmas items from the “The Hole in the Wall”. Gary Jaarsma will help with this process.
 - c. Nov. 18 ~ 9:00 a.m. Create Christmas displays in the Museum. Everyone welcome to help out!
 - d. Nov. 19 – 21 ~ finish set up of displays (Nov. 21 all displays in place)
 - e. December 1 – 4 Final details and decorating
 - f. December 5 Home Tour 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Cost \$10 for adults; \$5.00 12 and under. Members half price.
 - g. December 6 Home Tour 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - h. December 6 ~ 5:00 p.m. After hours tour for homeowners and all volunteers – food and fellowship. Everyone asked to bring a hot or cold (finger food) dish to share.
 - i. Wassail and cookies are needed to be served at the Museum during the tour.....anyone willing to bake 2 dozen cookies give Sandy Poppema at call 875-8052 or make wassail call Sandy Karsten at 875-8036.
 - j. Homes in tour: Mitch and Lyn Weener; Terry and Rhonda Brandsen; Garry and Sharon Smeyers; Joel and Wanda Miedema; Brent and Candace Nienhuis and Nativity Display at the Museum and a Live Nativity Scene at Lenore Schruer’s home.
 - k. Home sitters are needed for Friday evening. Home sitters are Ruth Sack, Joan Brouwer, Kristi Geertman, Shirley Vegt, Jim and Sandy Poppema, Carol Black, Bruce and Millie Bartels, Ruth Kooiker, Dick and Bonnie Blauwkamp. We have one opening for a Friday eveninginterested call Bev at 616-399-6939. Thanks to everyone who already volunteered.
 - l. Home interviews, pictures and brochures will be made by Deb Wolters.
 - m. Tickets will be sold only at the Museum. Deb will get ready.
 - n. Ticket sales at Museum ~ Deb Wolters and Kit and Sandy Karsten will handle.
 - o. Pump Organist ~ at the Museum. Carol Headley has graciously volunteers to sit Friday evening and Saturday.
 - p. Press releases, ads for papers, church bulletins, radio, TV etc. will be prepared and flyers will be printed out to be placed in area businesses by Kit and Sandy Karsten.
 - q. Kay Headley will secure workers at the live nativity scene and carolers for area homes.
 - r. Sleigh’s ~ will be placed at the museum and at the Smeyers home!!!
 - s. December 9 and 10 Nativities picked up if needed for your Christmas events.
 - t. December 13, 20 and 27 and January 3 the Museum will be open for others to tour and take the whole family through. Workers: December 13 Deb Wolters; December 20 Jim and Sandy Poppema; December 27 Ruth Kooiker; January 3 Kit and Sandy Karsten. Hours are 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - u. January ~ Christmas Clean up.
- 6) **2009 Events:** Ideas are tour Marvin De Witt Museum....Bev will ask! or Clyde Poll Museum; June 23rd pie social with Holland Historical Society.

- 7) **Election of Officers** ~ in December!!!! Letter from Mi. Dept. of Labor and Economic Growth ~ declaring that all Nonprofit Corporations are now required to have at least 3 or more directors by January 16, 2009. We already have 4 officers in place, therefore, we are in compliance.
- 8) **Digital Camera** ~ was purchased. Will be kept at the museum.
- 9) **Membership Drive** – Membership renewals and requests will be sent along with letter to current members as well as those interested in our projects.
- 10) **Articles for winters newsletter** ~ A newsletter will come out in January, which will include a briefing of Pearl Brouwer's home Plague presentation; interview with Peter De Wind, a long time resident of Olive Township, along with request for memberships.
- 11) **Shelving for museum** ~ A motion was made by Jaarsma, supported by Sandy Karsten to hire Wayne Busscher to place shelving on the east and south wall, as well as, put a solid floor on the office ceiling, at a cost not to exceed \$500, with monies to be used from the Olive Township Board OTHS fund line item. This work is to be started after January 1st.
- 12) **Special Thanks** ~ to those who cleared the brush at the Pheasant Monument at 136th Avenue and Van Buren Street.
- 13) **Thank you's** ~ for the Sherwood's; Redder's and Neil Jacobsen will be written by Kit and Sandy Karsten.
- 14) **Next meeting ~ November 25th at 7:00 p.m. December meeting will be the 16th at 7:00 p.m.**
- 15) **Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Jaarsma

Beverly Jaarsma, Secretary/Treasurer