

**60<sup>TH</sup> MEETING ~ MINUTES**  
**OLIVE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**MAY, 26, 2009 ~ 7:00 P.M.**  
**11768 POLK STREET ~ HOLLAND, MI 49424**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kit and Sandra Karsten, Jim and Sandra Poppema, Glenn Ten Brink, Dean and Michelle Timmer, Sandra Jacobsen and Beverly Jaarsma.

- 1) Welcome and call to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) As a society we met at Harlem Reformed Church to meet with the social committee in charge of the lunch services for the “Blues Fest”, which will be held August 15, 2009 in their facilities.
- 3) Donna Veldheer, Rosemary Bouwman, and Sandra Jacobsen met to discuss meal ideas and items concerning the event.
  - a) Pig-in-the-blankets and cinnamon rolls in the a.m.
  - b) Lunch serving until 3:00 p.m.
  - c) Toured the beautiful facilities and pointed out where each activity could be held. It will work out very nicely for all that we have planned.
- 4) Items for the August “Blues Fest” ~ Old Settlers Day:
  - a) **Brochure** for ride by tour ~ to include the Weaver House, Hemlock Park, West Olive School/Post Office, West Olive CRC, Feed Mill, Pheasant Monument, Harlem School, Harlem Ref'd Church, churches on Van Buren Street, Blue Berry Associations/farms/facilities/picking process, Carrier Line Tech School, Olive Township Hall, West Olive, Port Sheldon, Olive Township Cemetery, Port Sheldon township hall and fire station and Port Sheldon Township Cemetery.
  - b) **Children's Tractor Pull** ~ will be held at 10:30 a.m. Bev will bring down tractor and wagon and weights. Prizes for age groups 2,3 and 4,5, and 6,7 and 8,9.
  - c) Bev will see if the former **Harlem School** can be open for tour.
  - d) Harlem, West Olive, West Crisp, and Robbart **school pictures** of all ages and groups are desired. We will make copies and you can keep the original.
  - e) **Dessert Tasting Contest** ~ everyone will be urged to bring in their favorite “**Blueberry Dessert**”. Prizes for best taste and show. Tasters are needed! The desserts will be sold by the piece following the tasting. Bev Jaarsma will take care of tasters, prizes, etc.
  - f) **Ice Cream** – seeking answer from Soft Spot....or the Lunch servers will sell Dixie cups to go alone with dessert. Kay Headley is checking with Soft Spot.
  - g) “**Pie-in-the-Face**” ~ cool whip throw! Need plywood board 4 by 6 at least for a face cut out. Contact Kit 875-8036 if you have a sheet to donate. Harlem has cool whip to donate for use. Township Supervisors, Treasurers, Harlem's pastor and youth pastor will be asked to participate. A \$1 will be collected for each pie tossed.
  - h) **Family displays** and other local historical pictures will be on display ~ A display has been set up at Harlem Reformed Church, for local families to make up a family display. If you desire a cardboard for your family contact Kit at 875-8036. These family boards may represent parents, grand parents and great grand parents who have lived in Port Sheldon or Olive Township over the past years or are still residing there.
  - i) **Car/Truck/Tractor/Fire Truck show** ~ all day. Contest and prize for best show of vehicle!!! Dean Timmer and Gary Jaarsma will line up the vehicles! Bev will make slips and a box for voting and numbers for the vehicles.
  - j) **Ottawa County Parks** will set up a park display with maps, etc.
  - k) **Ag Packets** are trying to be secured from O.C.
  - l) “**Barn Photo Contest**” has started..... anyone interested in taking a picture of a barn in either Olive or Port Sheldon Township is asked to contact Kit (875-8036) for photo rules. Pictures will be shown at the Annual Christmas Home Tour.
  - m) **Quilt Squares** ~ A signature quilt is still in the making. More squares are needed.....they will be displayed at the event.
  - n) **Blueberries** ~ We will try to secure Blueberries from local farmers to hand out as prizes.
  - o) **Music** ~ Harlem has a few ladies who will perform. Donna Veldheer will be in charge.
  - p) **Children's craft** tables will be set up.

- q) **Bingo** will be played though out the day, with prizes.
  - r) **At 12 noon a Group picture will be taken.** Riley Camera will be on hand to take the picture. Numbers will be given to each person.....in order for us to keep tract of names of attendees. Pictures will be sold.
  - s) **Set up will be Friday evening** and beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.
  - t) **Pizza** will be brought in for all the workers following the event.
  - u) **Please inform** everyone of this event. Ads will be placed in local papers and notices will be sent to the past Harlem School reunion attendees.
- 5) **Bark/wood chips** are needed for the Pheasant Monument ~ Glenn will ask around.
  - 6) Kit will be going to the **Port Sheldon Township Board** to ask for a donation toward the event costs.
  - 7) It was decided to **purchase a light weight 8 foot table and a 6 foot table.** Anyone interested in donating monies for a table would be appreciated (8 ft tables are \$80 and 6 ft tables are \$50).
  - 8) **Tuesday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.** we will host a group from the Holland Historical Society. Pie will be served and then they will tour Olive Township. We will hold our monthly meeting after they leave.
  - 9) It was decided to go to the **Tri-city Museum in July** as they have a military display set up. A date was not set.
  - 10) The **Olive Leaves newsletter** will not be sent by e-mail, as it would be too large!
  - 11) It was decided that workers for the **August event should wear a white top** and scarf's for around the neck will be provided.
  - 12) **Many workers are needed for the August event.** If you are free and would like to help out in any capacity, please call Sandy 875-8036 or Bev 399-6939.
  - 13) Treasure report was handed out: Receipts for May were \$5.00; Disbursements: \$95.71 Balance in checking: \$3,851.87.
  - 14) The meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.
  - 15) Next meeting will be June 23 at 7:00 p.m. at museum-visitors from Holland Historical Society. Meeting following their lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

## Beverly Jaarsma

Beverly Jaarsma, Secretary/Treasurer

