

61ST MEETING ~ MINUTES
OLIVE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JUNE 23, 2009 ~ 7:00 P.M.
11768 POLK STREET ~ HOLLAND, MI 49424

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kit and Sandra Karsten, Bruce and Mildred Bartels, Kathryn Headley and Gary and Beverly Jaarsma.

- 1) Welcome and call to order by Kit Karsten at 8:45 p.m.
- 2) At 7:30 p.m. we served the Holland Historical Society to a pie social, of which their president brought, for us to serve. 51 people attended the event. Following the pie social the museum was open for tour. Many comments were made in regards to how well we were organized and how many items we already have. They seemed to really enjoy the country atmosphere and were amazed at our collection of local history pictures.
- 3) Treasurers report was presented: Receipts: \$45.00. Disbursements: \$297.90. Balance of \$3,598.97. Two tables were purchased. We received a donation for a table. A special thanks is extended to those helping us with out endeavors.
- 4) Discussion was held concerning our "Old Settler's Day ~ Blues Fest" coming up August 15th. To be held at Harlem Reformed Church on 144th Ave. Located just north of Port Sheldon Street.
 - a) The Harlem ladies will serve Pig-in-the-blankets and cinnamon rolls in the a.m.
 - b) **Lunch** serving until 3:00 p.m.
 - c) **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.
 - d) **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.
 - e) Bev will see if the former **Harlem School** can be open for tour.
 - f) Harlem, West Olive, West Crisp, and Robart **school pictures** of all ages and groups are desired. We will make copies and you can keep the original. Please ask you family members for local school pictures.
 - g) **Dessert Tasting Contest** ~ everyone is 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. Call 399-6939 if you desire to be a taster. Entry forms are prepared.
 - h) **Ice Cream** – seeking answer from Soft Spot.....or buckets of ice cream will be purchased and scoops will be sold with different toppings available. Kay Headley is checking with Soft Spot.
 - i) "**Pie-in-the-Face**" ~ cool whip throw! Plywood board secured. Thank you! 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. Virginia Kooyers will make the "clown cut out". As well as 4 signs to place around the township to advertise.
 - j) **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.
 - k) **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 has a box ready for voting and numbers for the vehicles, as well as slips for entries.
 - l) **Ottawa County Parks** will set up a park display with maps, etc.
 - m) **Ag Packets** are trying to be secured from O.C.
 - n) "**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. Titled "Christmas at the Farm".

- o) **Quilt Squares** ~ A signature quilt is still in the making. More squares are needed.....they will be displayed at the event.
 - p) **Blueberries** ~ Wayne Kiel has offered some gift certificates for prizes. We will try to secure more from other farmers.
 - q) **Music** ~ Harlem has a few ladies who will perform. Donna Veldheer will be in charge.
 - r) **Children's craft** tables will be set up. We have several items left from our last event, therefore we will use them up.
 - s) **Blueberry Bingo** will be played though out the day, with prizes. Sandy and Jim Poppema will be in charge.
 - t) **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.
 - u) **Set up will be Friday evening** and beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.
 - v) **Pizza** will be brought in for all the workers following the event.
 - w) **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 and attendees of other "Old Settlers Days"..
- 5) **Bark/wood chips** are needed for the Pheasant Monument ~ Glenn will ask around. Call 399-6939 if you have any to donate.
 - 6) Kit will be going to the **Port Sheldon Township Board** to ask for a donation toward the event costs.
 - 7) Anyone interested in donating monies for tables, a Shop Vac, 2 step Stepladder or step stool, paper, photo paper, printer ink, silverware or paper ware would be greatly appreciated. Or if you have something to donate please give us a call. 399-6939.
 - 8) 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.
 - 9) It was decided that workers for the **August event should wear a white top** and scarf's for around the neck will be provided.
 - 10) **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.
 - 11) The meeting closed at 9:45 p.m.
 - 12) Next meeting will be July 28 at 7:00 p.m. at museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Jaarsma

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