

63rd MEETING ~ MINUTES
OLIVE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AUGUST 25, 2009 ~ 7:00 P.M.
11768 POLK STREET ~ HOLLAND, MI 49424

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kit and Sandra Karsten, Bruce and Mildred Bartels, Kathryn Headley, Wayne Vander Zwaag, Donna Arnold, Gary and Beverly Jaarsma, Harvey and Ruth Redder, Gary and Sharon Smeyers, Glenn Ten Brink, Jim and Sandra Poppema, and Ken and Wanda Hepler of California.

- 1) President, Kit Karsten called the meeting to order and thanked Ken and Wanda Hepler, owners of the Ottawa school, for hosting the meeting at the school. Also, a welcome was extended to new comers as well as members for coming out for the meeting.
- 2) **Treasurers report was presented:** Receipts for August were \$266.07 which included \$251.07 from the Old Settler's Day ~ Blue's Fest; and \$15 in membership fees. Disbursements included \$20 to the State of Michigan for License fees. Balance of \$3, 897.04 Township Funds has a balance of \$2,180.00. Disbursed 1,046.49 in August.
- 3) **A special thank you** was extended to everyone who helped out and/or participated in the Old Setter's Day ~ Blue's Fest. It was a beautiful day, with no rain, and everything was well received. An approximate attendance was 300. There were approximately 150 in the group picture. Group pictures are for sale for \$15. Call 399-6939 to purchase one.
- 4) **The Crafts** and peddle tractor pull for kids was a big hit. The ice cream and desserts were appreciated and felt the price of 50 cents was too low.
- 5) **The meal** served by the Ladies of Harlem was well attended and was very good. A special thanks to the ladies for all their efforts.
- 6) **The event** over all was well received by the Harlem School Alumni and community residents. Many comments were "when and where is the next one"?? We'll have to think about that!
- 7) **The grounds at Pheasant Monument**, is in need of trimming and more woodchips are needed. We will seek the service of Neil Jacobsen. Glenn will check on woodchips.
- 8) **A motion** was made by Wayne Vander Zwaag, supported by Kathryn Headley to offer a **one year membership** to those who sponsored the Old Setter's Day ~ Blue's Fest. Motion Carried.
- 9) **Ken and Wanda Hepler** gave a brief history of the Ottawa school and (with our gracious acceptance), offered to donate the school to the society in 2011.
- 10) It was decided to print up at least **50 copies of the brochures** about the history of Port Sheldon and Olive Township, Veneklasen Brick homes and Centennial Homes.
- 11) It was decided to reprint **25 copies of the "The Tales of Ottawa Station"**, authored by Wanda Sines Hepler.
- 12) It was decided to **seek permission** from the authors of the book "**Whispering Sands**", a history of Port Sheldon, in order to have copies reprinted.
- 13) It was decided to offer a notice to residents in the community that "**Centennial Markers**" are available for those who have at least 10 acres, and the homestead has been in the family for 100 years. We will place this notice in the township newsletter when available.
- 14) **A Historical Home Plaque** was presented to Dwight and Vonnie Vander Zwaag, at the Old Settler's Day Blue's Fest. We congratulate them upon completion of the history of their home and receiving a plaque. We now have three homes with markers.
- 15) **To receive a plaque** the home has to be at least 75 years old and a history form must be completed. If you desire a form contact Kit Karsten at 875-8036.
- 16) **The meeting** closed at 8:30 p.m. and lunch was served.
- 17) **Next meeting ~ Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by

Beverly Jaarsma

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