

**65<sup>th</sup> MEETING ~ MINUTES  
OLIVE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009  
11768 POLK STREET ~ HOLLAND, MI 49424**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kit and Sandra Karsten, Jim and Sandra Poppema, Glenn Ten Brink, Wayne Vander Zwaag, and Kay Headley.

**The meeting** ~ was called to order by President, Kit Karsten at 7:14 p.m.

**Treasurer report** ~ was handed out and perused. Receipts: None; Disbursements: None; Balance in checking account \$3,897.04 Olive Township Funds: Disbursed: \$271 to Wanda Hepler for new books; \$63.57 to Bev Jaarsma for paper/supplies; leaving a balance of \$954.46.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) **“Christmas Down on the Farm ~ Home Christmas Tour”**
  - a. **Date** to set-up the museum ~ November 23 @ 9 a.m.
  - b. **Date** for final details ~ December 2.
  - c. **Need easels** or another way to display photos. All aerial photos should be at the museum by November 23rd. Anyone having such a photo and would like to display it is welcome.
  - d. **Each photo entry** will have its history displayed beside it. At this time, we have 12 entries.
  - e. **Decorated front doors** of homes in tour must be done by November 18<sup>th</sup>. Deb Wolters will take the pictures and do the home interviews and brochures.
  - f. **Home tours** are: Friday, December 4 (6-9 a.m.) and Saturday, Dec. 5 (11a.m.-4 p.m.)
  - g. **Home Owners and Volunteers** ~ will meet at the museum at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, to begin a personal tour; afterwards everyone is invited to gather at Kit and Sandy’s home for a time of food and fellowship. Please bring a finger food or a hot/cold dish to share.
  - h. **Wassail and cookies** will be served at the museum. The wassail has already been donated and Wayne, Julie, Sandy, and Kay each volunteered to make two dozen cookies.
  - i. **Volunteers** are needed as “home sitters” to take tickets and to monitor the museum. One shift on Friday and two shifts on Saturday. Give a call early to get your first choice on day and time. Call either Sandy at 875-8036 or Bev at 399-6939.
  - j. **Tickets** will be sold at the museum ONLY. (Deb will make the tickets).
  - k. **Tickets** will go on sale at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.
  - l. **Kay** is to check on possibly finding someone to play the pump organ at the museum...during the tours.
  - m. **Kit and Sandy** will handle the press releases, paper ads, church bulletin announcements and flyers in area businesses.
  - n. **Live Nativity** isn’t definite at this time...waiting for a response.
  - o. **Possible plans** to have Wayne’s cutter and Larry Nienhuis’ Truck at the museum (with lights on them) and the society’s cutter placed at Lillian Veldheer’s home.
  - p. **Homes on Tour:** Wassink on Barry St.; Veldheer on New Holland St, Lancer on 104<sup>th</sup> near Baldwin St.; Stern on 104<sup>th</sup> Ave.; and Dreyer on Van Buren St. Dreyer’s will also open their newly built barn, which was constructed by the Amish.
  - q. **Museum hours** during the Christmas season ~ Saturdays December 12 and 19 from 11a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and other times by appointment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Discussed** purchasing chairs and racks for the museum. Because of the cost involved, Kit was going to look into other options. Quotes were presented by the Closet Factory....to build additional storage area and shelving. This was put on hold till after the home tour and holiday season.
- 2) **Discussed** the issue of bark at the pheasant monument....no definite plans were made at this time.
- 3) **Need articles** for winter Newsletter ~ some ideas that were mentioned ~ home tour, special meeting of some kind (maybe visit the Grand Haven Museum), stories of area pioneers, Port Sheldon/Township History, speakers about old barns, covered bridges, the Old Pike Farm, named because of the former name of 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which was Pike. The farm is owned by Garry Dreyer.
- 4) **Membership renewals coming up** ~ Bev will handle this by the first of the year, by letter and e-mails.
- 5) **A Thank you note** ~ was sent to Neil Jacobsen for brush hogging around the Pheasant Monument.

- 6) **Jack Van Eden** ~ of Zeeland has some antiques he would like the society to have (his mother was an Ovens). Kit is going to make arrangements to pick them up.
- 7) **Wayne Vander Zwaag** ~ donated items that would be beneficial to the society.
- 8) **A motion was made** ~ by Kay and seconded by Sandy Poppema to purchase a "Fire Proof File" for \$40 and a glass dome holder for \$13.00. Motion Carried. Monies to be taken from the Township Funds.
- 9) **There was discussion** ~ on membership and how to get more people involved. Any ideas out there.....give us a call. Kit at 875-8036 or Bev at 399-6939.
- 10) **Next meeting will be November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to set-up for the home tour. All volunteers welcomed. Free snacks!!!!**
- 11) **Meeting** adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kathy Headley**

Kay Headley, Society Member