

Orleans County Historical Association

March 18, 2019

Minutes

Attendance: Sue Baker, Jean Shervin, Helen Bilicki, Jonathan Doherty, Al Capurso, Elizabeth Kennedy, Bill Lattin, Matt Ballard, Shirley Bright-Neeper

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Matt Ballard at the Creekside Apartments Meeting Room in Albion, NY. **Minutes of January 21, 2019** were read and approved with the following change: “on the east side of Gaines Basin Road not the Towpath” and change to read as follows “sign be posted in front *window* of the Schoolhouse”. *Motion by Betsy, second received to approve minutes. Motion carried.*

Treasurer’s Report was given by Treasurer Helen Bilicki. She shared bills received this period. Motion by Jean S., second received from Al C. to pay the bills. Carried. Matt announced the 990 forms were submitted. Property tax exemption has been applied for. *Betsy moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Jon seconded the motion. It was carried.*

Building and Grounds Committee: Bill reported that the flag pole broke off in the strong winds. It will be repaired. School House seems to have survived the winter weather well. Trees have taken a hit due to lack of water and winter. We must have available water nearby or we will never grow trees. Bill reported that the Towpath is looking better.

He announced that Erin Anheier donated holly hock seeds. Al will start the seeds and plants will be planted by the outhouse.

Ricky will be returning from Florida soon and will be asked for his insights regarding the water.

Acquisition Committee: Bill reported that Karen Mitchell will give an old “school house pull up map of Western New York counties”. Bill asked that Karen received a thank you from OCHA. Shirley will do so.

Old Business

Membership: Betsy reported that we currently have nine life members, 27 total members. She will give some ideas for increasing membership at our next meeting.

Betsy suggested a membership picnic.

OrleansHistory.org is our website. It needs some tweaking to keep it up to date and fully functional.

Historical Markers: Al reported that Pomroy will not accept our primary source and will not fund the Babbit historical marker. They might consider the Sibley Tavern 1809 marker. Chauncey Robinson marker has been delivered. Date for dedication will probably be in June, perhaps Clarendon June Fest.

Fair Exhibit: Al read his letter to other historical groups and historians regarding the proposed exhibit at the county fair. He was requesting others to join in the effort. Discussion followed. Al will send letters immediately.

By Laws: Matt reported that Bruce Schmidt said that there is a non profit who would do our By laws. Details to follow. Matt will send in our annual reports.

New Business:

Curtis Foundation grant has been received.

Matt announced that he had received \$75.00 for his presentation to the Parma-Hilton Historical and turned it in to OCHA.

Grant Requests: Received from Tim Archer requesting \$500 for an Interpretive Panel for the **Orleans County Alms House Cemetery**. *Motion by Betsy, second by Sue B. to approve the grant. Motion carried.*

Request from Doug Fairly Cobblestone Museum Director and Erin Anheier Board Member of Cobblestone Museum for \$500 to be used to buy buttons for the **Orleans County Heritage Festival**. After discussion it was decided to not fund the request. Matt will respond to Doug and Erin.

Letter Series at the Hoag Library: We have been asked to co-sponsor. There is no fee involved. Request was accepted.

Matt announced he will be leading a **tour of downtown Albion** in September.

Meeting Adjourned: *Sue made the motion to adjourn at 8 o'clock PM, second received from Al. The motion was carried.*

Minutes taken by Shirley Bright- Neeper