

**Orleans County Historical Association**  
September 16, 2019

**Attendance:** Helen Bilicki, Bill Lattin, Matt Ballard, Tina Incana, Betsy Kennedy, Jean Shervin, Tom Haynes, Jim Flechsen , Frank Berger, Shirley Bright-Neeper, Ricky Ebbs  
Excused: Jon Doherty

The meeting at the Gaines Basin School House was called to order by President Matt Ballard at 7:00pm. The printed agenda was reviewed with no additions or changes.

**Minutes** were reviewed. Correction: change September 14 to September 28 re: open house. *Motion was made by Betsy to approve minutes as corrected. Second was received from Betsy and the motion was carried.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Helen read the written report stating all transactions and balances this month. Our largest expense was \$6000 paid to Neal M. for all the plastering and window repair completed. *Frank moved to accept the report. Betsy seconded the motion and it was carried.* Written report filed with the Secretary.

**Committee Reports:**

**Annual meeting:** Matt announced that the annual meeting would be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Village Inn. Matt will find a speaker.

**Fund raiser:** Matt has gotten permission to use the courthouse dome for a possible tour.

**Building and Grounds:** Bill highlighted work done this month. Moldings have been installed and painted. The ceiling has been painted. Bill worked several days caulking and fitting the storm sashes. Many of the windows have been completed. The Association is grateful to Bill for all he has done and continues to do toward this project. More painting is planned this year. Rick installed the moldings in the small room. The coal room will remain as is to reflect the building's heritage. Bill was pleased to be interviewed by Ginny Krofp regarding our Log Cabin project. Hopefully the article will help generate some donations. We agreed that for a \$50 donation, a copy of Early History of Orleans County would be given to the donor. Bill was given authority to place an ad in the Penney Saver announcing our giving plan.

**Grants:** Matt will write to the Orleans County Foundation letting them know the plastering is complete and we have met our grant requirement. He will request \$8,000 for flooring and underlayment for next years grant.

**Acquisitions Committee:** A 1913 Historical Atlas was forwarded to the Hoag Library. Frank suggested that perhaps the Hoag will give OCHA their older copy in exchange for the one we presented them.

**Old Business**

Cobblestone Society House tour will not include the Gaines Basin School House.  
Heritage Festival reached 400 people.

**New Business**

By-laws are in need of updating to be in compliance with NYS Not for Profit standards. Matt will draft suggested changes. Members will have an opportunity to review them. Agreed upon changes will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Helen shared two correspondences regarding proposed installation of telecommunications equipment. No action taken. There was also no action taken regarding a Heritage Wind project correspondence.

Dollar General: we are hopeful that the store will not be built in Gaines historic district.

**Next Meeting will be October 21 at 7:00pm at the Hoag Library in Albion.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm  
Minutes taken by Shirley Bright-Neeper