

## Orleans County Historical Association

May 20, 2019

### Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

Memberships paid: Jim Flechsenhaar \$7, Tom Haynes \$7, Melissa Ierlan \$10 family, Frank Berger \$7

Agenda addition- Tom Taber purchased Two ledgers from ebay

Meeting minutes of April 15, 2019

Motion Rick Ebbs, second Frank Berger, All Aye, carried

Treasurers report- Helen Biliki (left the report on her printer) The only payment made was \$23 for the electric bill.

Bills submitted by Rick Ebbs: Lawn mowing- \$80, Flag Pole - \$86.89

990N was filed by Jennifer Thom, she charged \$50

Motion Rick Ebbs to pay Jennifer Thom, second Melissa Ierlan, All Aye, carried

- The association will take responsibility for filing this next year. Helen Biliki to let Jennifer Thom know.

Tim Archer gave Matt Ballard the information on the interpretive panel at the poor house location. Matt would like to have a program and have Tim present on the poor house.

Matt Ballard spoke about the upcoming Heritage Festival, he will be conducting some tours.

Building and Grounds Report- Rick Ebbs and Bill Lattin:

Discussion about the walls inside the school house. Bill thinks that the walls need to be plaster rather than drywall as the walls and windows will have a tighter fit and be more sturdy. It will also keep the authentic look. The quote received was for \$3,500. Elizabeth Dye Curtis Foundation granted OCHA \$2,800. Neil Muscarella should come back and re-do his bid as there seems to be more work to be done.

Motion Rick Ebbs to have Neil revise his quote for the work inside the school house. Second Melissa Ierlan, All Aye, carried.

Rick Ebbs would like to build a kiosk. The materials would cost about \$350. Labor will be free, provided by Rick and Bill.

There are two hitching posts that Rick would like to install on the property.

Discussion about installing water service to the building. Rick has bid \$1200 for the installation. The meter would be inside the building.

Motion Frank Berger to install water service, second Melissa Ierlan, All Aye carried

Rick would like to get a load of topsoil for around the building . Melissa to check about getting a donation and having her husband deliver it.

OCHA has authorized Rick Ebbs to inquire with the Town of Gaines about what we need to install water.

Bill Lattin informed the group about a log cabin that was offered to the Cobblestone Society. They were not interested. The owners would let OCHA have it and Bill feels he could get some people to donate and fund the project. It is 11' x 14' feet, built in 1930 by the Boy Scouts. The current owners are Pat and Ralph Moorhouse. It is located on Linwood Ave.

Motion Frank Berger to pursue obtaining the log cabin, second Johnathan ? All Aye carried

Bill Lattin has access to a laptop and a large clock that could be donated for use by OCHA.

Membership updates, none

Two historic markers that Al Capurso was looking for the Pomeroy Foundation to fund have been turned down. Lack of primary resources is the reason.

Matt Ballard asked if there was any interest by the group to participate in the 4H fair. No one was willing to take it on.

Board Vacancy:

Motion Rick Ebbs to appoint Melissa Ierlan to fill the vacancy, second by Jonathan Doherty. Majority Aye carried (Melissa Ierlan abstained)

At the last meeting Betsey Kennedy suggested that we have a sub group for genealogy research since the Gen Society has disbanded. The group that meets twice a month in Clarendon is interested in working under the OCHA umbrella. Matt Ballard will look at how to incorporate this into our bylaws.

Tom Taber found on Ebay, biographical information in a ledger with photos. Another ledger had information about dues and membership. The ledgers were from the mid 1800's and the information was about Orleans County Pioneers. He would like to sell the ledgers. The Hoag library is possibly interested. We will get more info after Matt speaks to Tom again.

Frank Berger spoke about the fact that the Batavia Daily is not consistent when it puts Matts articles in its paper. He feels that more people should express their concern about this as he is

the one who has been. He thinks more people should voice their opinion. The phone number is 343-8000 option 3.

Bill Lattin motioned to adjourn at 8:08pm seconded by Rick Ebbs All Aye, carried