

Olive Branch School Preservation Society

Minutes of the Meeting on July 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman William Berry. Trustees present were William Berry, Cyndie Gerken, Sharon Leathley, Jane Manemann, Susan Morgan, John Sipe, Howard Stahl, and Ken Strickland. Guest Connie Sample was also present.

Secretary Susan Morgan called the roll. There were no questions regarding the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting; Ken Strickland moved to accept said minutes and Howard Stahl seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sharon Leathley presented a written report with an ending balance of \$7705.43. Chairman Berry mentioned that he had purchased and presented a visa gift card to Mr. Ray Lowe as discussed and approved at the last meeting. The report was filed for audit.

Chairperson Berry reported that due to little activity or progress in the affairs of the Preservation Society, since our last meeting, he did not have a written report to file for the July meeting.

There was no old business presented.

Under new business, Mr. Berry presented each member with a copy of the "Letter of Intent Regarding the use of the Olive Branch Building" as well as a copy of Resolution 46-16 from the School Board entitled "Resolution of Intent Regarding the Olive Branch Building." Discussion followed, and several questions arose on the exact meaning and /or specifics of some of the terms such as "lease" and "storage by the school board." Another concern was what costs the Preservation Society would be responsible for regarding the assessment fees, renovation and upkeep of the building. Since neither Superintendent Glismann, nor Peter Scarff (TLS Board of Education representative) were present to clarify, the group decided to email any questions they had to Mr. Berry who would seek answers for the questions for the group. Copies of the "Letter of Intent" and the Board of Education Resolution 46-16 are attached to these minutes.

Mr. Berry also stated that if the group was in agreement he would contact Bill Burrows of Advance Mechanical, Fairborn, Ohio to see if a walkthrough of the Olive Branch Building could be done in order to give us an idea of what an assessment of potential needs (Mechanical, Electric, etc.) for the renovation would cost. The group verbally agreed.

William Berry reminded the group that he, Cyndie Gerken, and Susan Morgan all had term expirations as of October 31, 2016.

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The possibility of having an open house at the Olive Branch building and an information table at the homecoming game this fall were discussed. There was some concern that the homecoming weekend was the same dates as the Heritage of Flight in New Carlisle. The trustees talked about the pro and con of whether this would affect attendance of the open house and generally agreed that it probably would not be a big factor. The group verbally agreed to seek permission for both activities from the Superintendent. The homecoming date is Friday, September 30 and the open house date would be Saturday, October 1. The time for the open house was set for 2-4 PM if approved by the Superintendent. Mr. Berry volunteered to contact the Superintendent regarding the above requests and Cyndie Gerken volunteered to post it on the web site if approved. Permission to have something in the fall school newsletters announcing the activities will also be sought by Mr. Berry.

Cyndie Gerken asked if we would like for her to apply for a grant from the Della Selsor Trust again and the group, in general consensus, asked her to do so.

Cyndie Gerken also showed the group some pictures and articles of the Olive Branch Building she found by researching through Newspaper.com and connected links. Mr. Berry will provide copies of these interesting historical articles to be sent to the Board of Trustees for their perusal.

With no further business, Mr. Stahl moved to adjourn the meeting and Jane Manemann seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Morgan, Secretary