

Olive Branch School Preservation Society

Minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman William Berry. Trustees present were William Berry, Cyndie Gerken, Jane Manemann, Susan Morgan, John Sipe, Howard Stahl, and Virgil Studebaker. Sharon Leathley and guest Ruehl Dewey Brosey were also present.

The minutes of April 14, 2014 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cyndie Gerken and seconded by Howard Stahl. Motion carried.

Mr. Berry reported that Pam Mustovich had resigned as Treasurer as of 3/26/2014 per email. He also stated that per our bylaws Section II, the Secretary and Treasurer may be appointed. He then stated that Sharon Leathley was willing to become our new Treasurer with Board approval. Jane Manemann moved to approve appointment of Sharon as Treasurer and Howard Stahl seconded. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report provided by Cyndie Gerken was reviewed with an ending balance of \$4533.39. There was a brief discussion concerning the cost of nonprofit mailing and general consensus was that even if we did not do a lot of mailings it was still cost effective. Mr. Berry added that our audit has been completed for the period of January 1, 2013 –January 1, 2014 by Mr. Ray Lowe.

Mr. Berry reported in his Chairman's Report that he had contacted Superintendent Brad Martin about meeting with the TLS Board and that Brad had responded that they wanted a public meeting and offered us a place on the July meeting agenda. Mr. Berry stated he declined that as he felt that a separate meeting to discuss the OB building would be more beneficial. He also reported that Cyndie Gerken was to apply for the Della Selsor Trust Grant again. In regards to the mailing list preparation assistance, Mr. Berry reported that he did check with Brad Martin and Brad felt that students could help us compile our mailing list. Mr. Berry also informed us that Preservation Ohio was a group that published an annual "Ohio Endangered Historical Site" list to help in the preservation of historical sites in Ohio. Since the nomination for this list was due at the end of June, he had appointed Cyndie Gerken to apply. Cyndie added that this status would not bring in funds directly, but could help us in drawing attention to the Olive Branch building state wide.

Mr. Stahl reported for the Finance Committee that they had not met since the last meeting, but that Roger Diller had reported to him that nothing had yet been done to repair the OB building roof. Per Mr. Stahl, Mr. Martin has since contacted Mr. Stahl to meet with Roger Diller to get the roof repairs done.

Under Old Business, Cyndie Gerken gave us some further information on the Preservation Ohio group. She stated it had been in existence for 33 years and that for the 2014 year nomination we were selected for their "Ohio's Most Endangered Historic Sites" list. She stated this may help us get more notice state wide. Jane Manemann asked about the possibility of still meeting with the TLS Board at a "special meeting" so we could speak to them without distraction and the limited time of a regular meeting. Following some discussion it was decided that would be the best route to take.

Under New Business, Mr. Berry reviewed his proposed Resolution to the TLS Board of Education for the cleanup of the OB school property. Jane Manemann suggested we add to the resolution that the building was on the 2014 "Most Endangered Historic Sites" list so that the Board was aware of that. Following some discussion, Howard

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Stahl motioned to approve the resolution with Jane's addition and Jane Manemann seconded. The motion carried. A second resolution regarding our OBSPS group activities was presented and discussed. By a motion of Mr. Stahl, that was seconded by Jane Manemann, it was voted to table this resolution until we could see if we can meet with the TLS Board. Sharon Leathley suggested we invite the Board to a meeting with us prior to our October 13th annual meeting and with general consensus of the group, Mr. Berry agreed to do that. Jane Manemann suggested we mail a copy of the OB Clean-up Resolution to the Superintendent and President of the School Board, and Sharon Leathley suggested we send a separate invitation to each TLS Board member to meet with us. Everyone agreed to these suggestions.

Miscellaneous Business included a review that a mailing has been sent to members, and in the future will be sent to anyone giving \$10 or more. It was caught that in the minutes from last meeting it said \$1 or more in giving was the membership level and this needed to be corrected to \$10 or more. Susan Morgan agreed to correct the official minutes of the April 14, 2014 meeting. The trustees also agreed to hold any further mailings until we see if we can meet with the TLS Board and determine what we want to do from there.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Howard Stahl and seconded by Virgil Studebaker. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Morgan, Secretary