

Olive Branch School Preservation Society
Minutes of the meeting on January 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Acting Chairman Cyndie Gerken. Trustees present were **Cyndie Gerken, Sharon Leathley, Susan Morgan, Peter Scarff, John Sipe, and Virgil Studebaker**. Ex officio TLS Superintendent Norm Glismann and guests Don Wallace and Jim Leathley were also in attendance.

Secretary Susan Morgan called the roll and took minutes. With no questions regarding the minutes of the October 10, 2016 meeting, a motion to approve was made by Susan Morgan and seconded by John Sipe. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sharon Leathley presented a written report noting that there was no activity in November or December of 2016. On January 11, 2017, Digital Graphics was paid \$97.17. This is the company that keeps up our web site and related needs. Sharon also reported that she filed the IRS Form 990 and registration report, and that we did receive a Della Selsor grant in the amount of \$800.00. This grant is to be used for mailings and postage. The current account balance is \$7608.26. Sharon also noted that the account is in her name as well as Bill Berry's (who has left the Board.) It will need to be changed, but Cyndie Gerken recommended we leave it as is for now since we still need to elect officers; the board agreed. Sharon also asked for clarification on what comprised "membership dues." She read from the current bylaws which was very vague on the amount of dues and did not state that Board members had to be dues paying members. Following a short discussion and with Sharon's approval, Virgil Studebaker made a motion and John Sipe seconded that Sharon Leathley work on a rough draft of an amendment for the bylaws to clarify these issues. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, Cyndie Gerken reported that at the last meeting Bill Berry agreed to carry through his contact attempts with Mr. Burrows of Advanced Mechanical Services to see if he would do a walkthrough of the Olive Branch School building to get an idea of the renovation cost. Cyndie stated that this was still in process as Bill was still trying to reach him. Per Cyndie, Bill also contacted retired Clark County Commissioner John Detrick for ideas on raising funds for this project. John graduated from this school system and has been interested and supportive of the preservation of the building in the past. John Detrick recommended a call be made to John Landess of the Turner Foundation. Bill Berry reported to Cyndie that he did so and felt that Mr. Landess was very receptive. John Landess suggested that we connect with Turner Foundation Historian Kevin Rose for the purpose of a walkthrough and discussion of the Olive Branch renovation. Don Wallace remarked that this could be a good opening for us as he knows that John Landess is interested in architecture. Phone messages to Kevin Rose have been left by Bill Berry, but no response yet. Cyndie Gerken volunteered to continue to contact him.

The election of officers was tabled last meeting with Bill Berry's unexpected announcement that he was leaving the Board. Cyndie Gerken stated that she has some health and other issues

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that prevent her from confidently stepping in as chairman. She did agree to act as chair temporarily and would be willing to be vice chair once a chairman was elected. Virgil Studebaker suggested that we table the election of officers until the next meeting since we had to fill some Board spots. The group agreed.

Continuing with Old Business, Norm Glismann reported that he had contacted the TLS attorney regarding a lease and/or letter that the OBSPS Board could use to show cooperation of the School Board and the Preservation Society on the renovation project when seeking funds. He reports it took several calls and he finally got a "simple lease" today that was seven pages long. All agreed that that would be too long to present at fund raising meetings. Mr. Glismann stated he will continue his contact with the attorney to see what can be done. Jim Leathley stated that we may need the lease on file and then a letter from the TLS Board that simply summed up the relationship between the School Board and the Preservation Society.

Under New Business, we discussed the filling of Bill Berry's Board seat. Don Wallace, who had been asked to consider a position on the Board when he was a guest at the last meeting, agreed to be on the Board. He stated though, that he did not want to be an officer at this time. Guest Jim Leathley, on request, also agreed to be on the Board. He stated that he would consider the position of chairman since he had been on this Board in the past. A motion to elect Don Wallace and Jim Leathley to the Board was made by John Sipe and seconded by Virgil Studebaker. Motion carried. Since the terms of the trustees' end dates are staggered, the Board agreed that Don Wallace would fulfill Bill Berry's vacancy which has a term expiration of October 31, 2019. Jim Leathley was added to the Board with a term to expire October 31, 2017. This placement keeps three trustees in each of the groups with staggered term expiration dates. With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Leathley and seconded by Don Wallace. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Morgan, Secretary