

OLMSTED HISTORICAL SOCIETY
General Meeting, November 1, 2015
Strelau Events Barn

- I. El Presidente Dave Neville opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. to a chummy group of chatty members.
- II. Recording Secretary Kathy Valentine read the minutes from the previous meeting which were accepted by the membership without changes (Anne/Jim G). All in favor.
- III. Treasurer Dave “Moneybags” Konold presented a brief summary of finances totaling \$43,549.79 at the end of October, 2015. Report accepted by the membership (JimG/Jim). All in favor.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CEMETERY: Gary’s main goal is trimming edges around the headstones and trying to deal with the broken pieces inside the crypt from vandalism. He would like to get the Prechtel House headstone ordered, one stone to cover Mom, Dad, daughter and grandchild.

ADVERTISING: Tom thinks the issues with the Emerald Necklace are finally resolved with respect to the Holidays. The Winter Farm Market dates have been sent out already and he just needs the Pancake Breakfast dates and costs to send.

SCHOOLHOUSE: We have no derogatory word on the schoolhouse so we will keep on fund raising.

EVENTS: According to sweet Sir George, our events are, so far:

June 26	History Day
July 10	Ladies Tea
August 7	Engine Show
August 27	Murder Mystery Dinner
Sept. 18	Cedar Valley Day
October 2	Pumpkinville
Nov. 19,20	Holidays

The committee is still looking for other ideas. There are plans for another play like Godspell done last year, and we need other music and/or speech ideas.

FROSTVILLE VILLAGE CHURCH: Cindy thanked Dave and Dale for all their help and support during weddings.

FARMERS' MARKET: Angie thanked everyone for their help and support during the market days. Next year all the vendors will return with 5 new ones as well. The first Winter Farmers' Market will be November 7th.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

ELECTIONS: The suggested slate of new officers was approved (Andy/Gary) and the motion was passed. All in favor. New President-Jan Mettler; new vice-president-sweet Sir George Cadwallader; treasurer-Anne Schreiber; new director Cindy Lenz and the other new director Dave Neville. Jim Gearhart will complete Jan Mettler's directorship term for next year.

BICENTENNIAL TOUR: This was a very successful event for us. SITE students kept bus people in line to get on and off the buses. Even though no food trucks showed up, our kitchen was able to handle all the hungry folks.

THOMPSON HOUSE: This home was built in 1836 and the North Olmsted School Board has been wanting to demolish it. The Landmark Commission, however, did not grant a certificate of appropriateness and it still stands. With anonymous donations from OHS members in the amount of \$18,000 and the North Olmsted School Board's donation of \$10,000, there are enough funds to move the home down to Frostville. However, the Metroparks need to grant permission for the move since this is their land. Permission has been granted. A motion was made to move the Thompson House (Jim/Jim) which the membership approved. Future use for the space could be archival space or military artifact storage.

PUMPKINVILLE: A very big success!

SPAGHETTI DINNER: All funds are not in yet but it was an OK event.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

BIDDOLPH HOUSE: There is an open house for this historic property on November 21st on Porter Road. This is the only sandstone house in North Olmsted and it will be dedicated as an historic landmark home.

SCHOOLHOUSE: The funds for the schoolhouse are being moved into the Capital Improvement Fund with the idea of trying to raise \$25,000. Jan suggested waiting until after the first of the year to make the move.

KIWANIS: Ken Newzil, secretary for the Kiwanis approached the OHS to partner with them in next year's Pumpkinville event. The Kiwanis held their Family Fun Fest the weekend after our Pumpkinville and it tanked. With their focus on kids and families, it seems like a good match. Although the Kiwanis has a focus to garner funds for their various programs and scholarships, the shared focus on families is a bonus. The Kiwanis Key Club students worked the children games which also were

sponsored. This could also open the way for more partnered events in the future like family picnics in the North Olmsted Park or other ideas. Wilma Kepperly will chair Pumpkinville in 2016.

MEETING: The next General Meeting will be Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th, 2016, as usual.

FAREWELL & THANK YOU: Outgoing President and Jefe, Dave Neville, gave a short speech thanking one and all for their help and support during his tenure as our great leader. He then actually passed the official gavel on to Jan Mettler.

VII. The meeting was adjourned, the last time for El Jefe, at apx. 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Valentine
Recording Secretary

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