

**OLMSTED HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**General Meeting, February 28, 2016**  
**Strelau Events Barn**

- I. Matriarch Jan Mettler called the meeting to order for 30 chatty members at 1:35 p.m. Recording Secretary Kathy read the minutes from the previous meeting which were accepted by the membership (Bill/Dave K). First Lady Jan stated that Jim Gearhart is now our Curator, not historian. Also, the acquisition of a defibrillator is one safety item that should be added to our stock at a cost of approximately \$1,000.
- II. Our Exchequer Anne lent Dave “Money Bags” Konold the floor to give his last financial report from 2015 and give him a graceful exit. His report was accepted by the membership (Jack/George).

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**FAMILY ARTS FESTIVAL:** Our dynamo Angie Obbish is in charge and is adding music to the July 24<sup>th</sup> event.

**STEPHAN FERNANDEZ:** He is hoping to create interest in our History Day in June involving military reenactors from WWII. He has been speaking to other groups of German units for interest. What about pyrotechnics? He is envisioning a mock battle aiming the cannons away from the houses. He will be contacting VFW and other veteran units to inspire more interest. The event could be small, but could generate more interest in this time period. We would need to have seating available for nursing home residents. Stephan is also looking for vehicles that could be used for this battle. Lee Barone is working on a singing group that could perform in a canteen setting in the Barn.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** The first meeting was held yesterday and they reviewed the budgets that were presented. They will meet again soon.

**ADVERTISING:** All the information on the Pancake Breakfasts has been submitted to the Emerald Necklace.

**GIFFORD GENERAL STORE:** The store will be opened during the Pancake Breakfasts and during the Farmers Markets.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Pat said we have several families with older children who also wish to volunteer – yea!

INVENTORY: Jim said he found several McGuffey readers from 1840-1880 donated from local families that could go in the Schoolhouse which were in the Carpenter House parlour.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

THOMPSON HOUSE: The actual contract is not quite completed but will be this week. The move is projected to be done the week of March 21<sup>st</sup>. We received a donation of \$12,000 to get the foundation done. Paul Schumann is working on the necessary permits. Jack Boss gave a presentation on the move and demolition still needed to prep the house for the move. The house will be done in two pieces and the roof will need to be cut in two pieces as well. A crane will be needed to replace the roof when the house is in place.

SCHOOLHOUSE: Although we still do not have plans from Jesse Schook, the Metropark architect, he has chosen the windows from the Will Elliot house and chosen the bell for the schoolhouse.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

BATHROOM CLEANING: As you all know, our events take place on the weekends-weddings, farmers markets and trash and treasure sales. Our bathrooms need to be cleaned before and after all these events and our current volunteers are getting worn out. We are in dire need of fresh volunteers to help with this project. See Jan.

POT HOLES: The Metroparks has assured us that the pot holes at the entrance to the parking lot will be filled in before our Pancake Breakfasts.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: An audit of our books needs to happen in the next few months and additional volunteers are needed. The materials are ready.

SHOW AND TELL: Jim Gearhart gave an interesting talk about a flax break found in the Carpenter House items. This was used during the 1700 and 1800's to soften the flax so it could be woven. A speaker will be on hand for April 3<sup>rd</sup> here at Frostville.

STORY TIME: Gary Porter had a brief bio and handouts for anyone interested.

VI. Matriarch Jan adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. (Bill/Jim).

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Valentine, Recording Secretary