

**OLMSTED HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**General Meeting, July 19, 2015**  
**Strelau Events Barn**

- I. El Presidente opened the meeting to 28 chatty members at 1:30 p.m. Secretary Kathy read the minutes of the last meeting which were accepted by the membership (Leslie/Bill). All in favor.
- II. Treasurer Dave "Money Bags" Konold presented a report that noted we gave Alexis a gift of \$400 for her good work in the OHS. Our accounts hold \$31,205.81 total. We received an anonymous gift of \$2,000 for the workshop, but since it is completed, the funds were applied to the schoolhouse. His report was accepted by the membership (Bill/Bob). All in favor.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADVERTISING: Tom said all the September events are sent to the Emerald Necklace for publication. All he needs now is the complete Holidays info.

GIFFORD GENERAL STORE: Jan Mettler has stepped down as single chair of the Store, but is now a co-chair with Donna Nordgren and Pat Welty.

INVENTORY: The Barn and Military Room are photographed and recorded. The next project is the Carpenter House and some mystery items have been found. Chris Steward is investigating...

EVENTS: The Gas and Engine show has been rescheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>. The Military Timeline event will take place next year.

CARPENTER HOUSE: The new chair is Jan Mettler who will do a terrific job.

BRIGG'S HOUSE: It has been power washed to lose the spiders. Anne would like to check the flooring under the carpet. The Questor's group is being asked for a \$1000 grant for new flooring under the carpet. A new member, Paul, said he would try to assist in carpet pulling since he has renovation experience.

FARMERS' MARKET: There will be extended hours on one Saturday to allow Arts persons to sell their wares.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

METROPARKS: The big meeting took place on July 14<sup>th</sup> since Nancy had to get more information to answer all the issues. El Presidente presented the Master Plan showing the schoolhouse and asked for architectural plans to be done by next spring. He thinks this will happen. As far as the parking lot drainage issues, it won't happen unless we do it ourselves. Ernest Jack volunteered. The field drainage should not drain into the parking lot.

HEARSE BARN: It has been moved onto its pad but still has to be set onto a sandstone base from our handy stock pile. Then renovation can begin.

BI-CENTENNIAL: North Olmsted is really advertising this event in a huge way. Frostville is only one stop among many others in North Olmsted. The S.I.T.E. student director will be assisting with skits, house personnel replacements and more. The kitchen will be open but won't be able to handle it all so food trucks may need to be here as well. Also, so to the Tour, we may need help from Metropark Rangers as perhaps even North Olmsted police. Nancy Desmond will have to check with the Rangers union to see if they can assist or not.

METROPARK GRANT: The Centennial Metropark grant is the same one (i.e., matching) that the OHS used for the Music and Arts Festival. If we do anything, a new committee will need to write and follow up on the grant application and a terrific event idea. Since the Metropark funding is a tax item, it may or may not pass in the November elections.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTIONS: A very important election this year: we need a new president, vice-president and treasurer. Also, Jack Boss' term as director is over, and Chris Steward has one more term to run if he so chooses. Anyone can run for any of these offices, you just need to talk to El Jefe or Lee Thomas by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: El Presidente met with the Eagle Scout candidate who showed him the concept. It would be great if it could be ready by Settler's Day so we could put stuff on display from our historic stores.

NORTH OLMSTED FAMILY PICNIC: Pat Welty has volunteered to person a table at the North Olmsted City Park from 1-4:00 p.m. next Sunday to hand out flyers and other information about OHS.

MUSEUM MARKETING: A program is being presented about museum marketing on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> if anyone would like to attend. The OHS would pay for you to attend.

FARMERS' MARKET: Requests are always being made to see other houses open during the Farmers' Market. The Board agreed to encourage this if nothing else is in the way, i.e., bad weather, a wedding, etc. Any house would need an adequate number of volunteers to make this work.

VI. El Presidente adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m. (Bill/Tom).

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Valentine, Recording Secretary