

OLMSTED HISTORICAL SOCIETY
General Meeting, June 5, 2016
Strelau Events Barn

- I. Matriarch Jan opened the meeting to 28 members at 1:40 p.m. after which Secretary Kathy read the minutes which were approved with no changes (Dave N/Lee B). All in favor.
- II. Exchequer Anne Schreiber presented a financial report (with handouts) showing a balance of \$52,468.49 in all accounts. We did receive a donation from Questors for \$5,000 to do the floors in the Brigg's House. Her report was approved by the membership (DaveK/Lee B). All in favor.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EVENTS: Our first event is the Military/History Day June 26th. There will be a battle and cannon shooting! We will have a display honoring the USS Cod.

ADVERTISING: The Farmers' Market dates, Engine Show and TNT dates are in the mill at Emerald Necklace. We are in need of event date flyers – we're all out!

CURATOR: Jim Gearhart is in the process of cleaning out the attic in the Barn and going through boxes 10-20 years old. He has placed items on display for the House Chairs to sift through to use. Then he is re-boxing items in a numbered fashion so items can be relocated later.

CHURCH: Cindy thanked the work crew for repairing the Church doors. She has 15 weddings so far this year and 3 for 2017, with 3 brides from out of state using the GO DADDY website.

KITCHEN: Andy is turning the kitchen over to Deb for 4 weeks to allow time for his knees to get back in shape after surgery. This was a surprise to First Lady! More volunteer help is needed in the kitchen at Farmers' Markets and Events.

TOURS: Carol keeps saying she won't do any more but she did conduct a tour yesterday for the OHS. Just to remind everyone, we do need a Tour Chair.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

THOMPSON HOUSE: Jack is mostly done with the foundation work but more concrete is needed, and the stone foundation needs to be finished. However, we are short on funds to get this accomplished.

SCHOOL HOUSE: The Metroparks Jesse came back with his engineer's price of \$88,000 for the Taj Mahal of school houses. First Lady Jan said that the cost was a bit much and we would go another route for the plans. We have Debbie hard at work dealing with our memorial brick sale and Angie Cadwallader selling raffle tickets for the 12 chairs that were painted/decorated by some of our elder volunteers (drawing in September).

POTHoles: Just in time for our summer events, the Metroparks have filled our obnoxious potholes.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

SAFETY PROGRAM: The Metroparks has no ready-made program that it can give us, only one for their own staff's needs. Our Houses need to be checked for any safety issues. Debbie also wants to do a CPR class for members, perhaps during the Farmers' Market one Saturday. She also would like to get the OHS our own defibulator.

DISPLAY CASE: Our new display case will be loaned to the North Olmsted Library until the Thompson House is finished. Dale Thomas will coordinate this project.

HOMECOMING PARADE: Dave and Jane Neville will be in charge of developing an idea for the theme of "North Olmsted – Gateway to the Future".

S.I.T.E. STUDENTS: The Board of Directors approved a stipend of \$200 each for two SITE Students who worked with Lee Thomas on transcribing the diary of Emma Townsend. Thank you Elise Covell and Erin Tuley.

METROPARK: First Lady met with Jen Graham, Naturalist/Historian for the Nature Center, to discuss programming and field trips for 3rd and 4th graders. She would provide the program, we would provide the house tours. Gary Porter also entertained a school age group with ghost stories and interesting facts.

MEETINGS: The Board has decided to change its meetings back to Saturdays instead of right before the General Meetings on Sunday. However, the General Meeting scheduled for July 17th has been cancelled. The next General Meeting will be on Sunday, September 11th at 1:30 p.m. as usual. Please do not forget to sign the attendance sheet.

VI. Matriarch adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m. (Dave W/Lee G).

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Valentine, Recording Secretary