

**Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, January 4, 2018

A. Program: Ann Swaney introduced Jackie Brinkman Thomas, who spoke on "Old Mission 1850-1900's". Jackie shared Old Mission's early history and also more contemporary memories of growing up in Old Mission, presenting school albums from the 1950's, slides, photos, maps, and information about the Brinkman family. Jackie's great-great-great grandfather was H. K. Brinkman, an early settler in Old Mission. Old Mission was a bustling community with a school, stores, meeting halls, and various businesses at one time. Jackie was assisted in her presentation by husband Bruce, who grew up in Old Mission. Barb Berthelsen, Ann & Gerry Swaney, and Ken Weaver assisted with the technical aspects of the presentation.

B. Business Meeting

Call to order by President Laura Johnson.

Business (since the regular secretaries were not present, Nancy Warne volunteered to take minutes of the business meeting.)

1. Minutes of the November 2017 meeting were approved as circulated, as moved by Mary Morgan and seconded by Anita Klein.

2. Treasurer's report Ellen Kerr (see attached).

Checking account balance at end of December \$7047.85

Savings account balance at end of December \$2058.77

Tree Fund: \$5164.80

Log Cabin Fund \$231.73

Juliann Meyer Fund Log Church \$1900.00

There was some discussion re: the money from the donation boxes at Hessler Log Cabin. The collected money is deposited with the Township, 75% for repairs maintenance and other expenses of log cabin, and 25% reimbursed to OMPHS. Ellen recently transferred \$1000 of accumulated 25% funds into the general fund.

3. Additions and corrections to the agenda. Laura announced that Helen Pratt, past active member, had recently passed on. No information on the service or memorials was available.

4. Reports:

1. AcenTek donated \$10,500 to the proposed new Peninsula Community Library for a projection system. It will be used in 3 different rooms in the new library, which will be located on the corner of Center and Island View Roads.

2. Committee Reports:

a) Executive Board/Committee, Laura Johnson. The Board will meet on January 17.

b) Archives/ Newsletter/ Other. Ann Swaney. Ann reported that MDOT has invited OMPHS to set up an exhibit on August 17, at the Grand Traverse Resort, for their show that day. The theme is to be about what can be seen on the Heritage Trail, Center Road, the length of the Peninsula. Ann will head a committee to make plans for this event.

c. Program Committee, Judy Weaver and Ann Swaney. Judy first thanked Jackie and Bruce Thomas for their program tonight, and announced that the February 1 program will be about the

fifty-year history of the Aviation Program at NMC. The April meeting will be Kerry Finlayson, archeologist who dug in the original privy area at the Dougherty house.

d. Website Committee. Judy Weaver and Barb Berthelsen. Judy said it is current and that Barb is taking very good care of it. [Note: even when Barb's in Florida.]

e. Dougherty House. Bill Cole (not present.) Nancy Warne spoke about the possibility of an entry in the July Heritage parade during the Cherry Festival, as being discussed by the Dougherty House Board, asking if anyone in the OMPHS and lighthouse would be interested in helping in the project.

Marty spoke on the current status of the house – it is finished (ready for occupancy, all inspections passed), except for some minor touchups, and ready for planning for exhibits, furniture, room plans, etc. Anne Griffiths suggested that the PD Board open up discussion to other peninsula groups for input on how to display the house. Nancy Warne reported that the house has more objects to restore and to put into house than can be used (that were originally taken from the house) and a tentative plan on how each room will be used.

f. Log Cabin, Laura Johnson. Laura reported that the cabin is all sealed up for winter. Question re: Log Cabin Day this year in June. Permits will need to be acquired from the Park Commission along with permits to display road signs. Nancy Warne moved that we have Log cabin Day this year, Ann Swaney seconded. Interest was shown in holding the event; details to be determined later.

g. Tree Committee, Jim Hall. No report.

h. Lighthouse – Anne Griffiths. Ellen Kerr reported that the lighthouse will hold the 3rd annual fundraiser for wine art contest. Local artists will be invited to submit entries of artwork to be used as labels on wine bottles from Bowers Harbor Vineyard (Linda Stegenga). Contest will be judged on April 6. \$2 per bottle sold will go the lighthouse funds. The artwork can be used in other ways, such as note cards, Christmas cards this year.

i. Log Church. Anne Griffiths. The OM Women's club will be redoing the inside this spring and summer. The Dougherty crew will repair all windows.

Laura thanked Ellen Kerr and Marty Klein for the coffee and cookies.

Other Business: Mary Morgan announced that the OMP Library will hold its first adult "Bingo for Books" on January 11 at 7:00. Also, Daniel Hendrix, local author, will talk about his book "the King's Daughter" at the library on January 15, at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned about 9:00.

PRESENT:

Laura Johnson
Ellen Kerr
Jack and George Holman
Judy and Ken Weaver
Shelly and Rick Dougherty
Judy and Jim Hall
Adit Geneoff (?)
Marilyn and Jeff Elliott
Bob Rosi

Carly Burns
Alison Burns
Anita and Marty Klein
Mary Morgan
Dave and Nancy Warne
Ann and Gerry Swayne
Jackie and Bruce Thomas
John Scarbrough