

OMPHS Minutes November 2, 2023

The Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society met at the Old Mission Peninsula School on November 2, 2023. 36 members and guests were present.

Ann Swaney and guest Patty O'Donnell presented the program on the history of Old Mission's Center Road: "Center Road: From a Two-Track to an M-37 Scenic Byway and Beyond."

Following the program the meeting was called to order by President Tom Dalluge. The October 5 minutes were approved as distributed. Treasurer Dean Francis reported the Executive Committee's recommendation to rename one of our memorial financial funds the "Heritage Fund" to distinguish it from our Memorial Tree Fund. This will not be a restricted fund. Judy Weaver moved to do this. The motion was seconded by Barb Wunsch and approved unanimously. Dean announced that he is still accepting dues for this season. Dean mentioned that he is still accepting dues for this membership year. He announced additionally that the Executive Committee plans to send a year-end financial appeal letter to members and supporters. The Township still owes us for some of the expenses incurred in renovating the Replica Church.

Phyllis Cooley will chair the 2024 Log Cabin Day we organize annually in conjunction with Michigan's designated Log Cabin Day. This year it will take place June 30. Phyllis passed around a flyer and seeks volunteers in several areas for that event.

Chairman Barb Wunsch discussed the upcoming Holiday Potluck to take place December 7 at the American Legion Hall in Old Mission.

Further discussion followed about the American Chestnut program Tom Dalluge presented October 5. Some members suggested locations of other chestnut trees on this peninsula. Glen Chown of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy is supportive of our ideas of expanding chestnut planting on this peninsula and prefers we use hybrids. Judy Weaver will check with the Grand Traverse Conservation District Forester to find out what efforts and experiences they have had with chestnuts. Dalluge discussed some manual pollination in Antrim County.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Weaver, Secretary