

Olive Branch School Preservation Society
Minutes of the meeting on April 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Acting Chairman Cyndie Gerken. Trustees present were **Cyndie Gerken, Sharon Leathley, Susan Morgan, Jim Leathley, Peter Scarff, John Sipe,** and **Don Wallace.** Ex officio member Norm Glismann was also in attendance.

Secretary Susan Morgan called the roll and took minutes. With no questions regarding the minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting, a motion to approve them was made by Jim Leathley and seconded by Cyndie Gerken. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sharon Leathley presented a written report that showed a balance of \$8,458.26. This included the \$800 Della Selsor award and a donation from the class of 1947. There were no expenses paid out since the last report. The treasurer also reported that she will pay the postal permit renewal cost from the Della Selsor award when it comes due. In addition, we were obligated to send a letter by April 30, 2017 to the Della Selsor Trust reporting our use of this grant and that letter been sent. The next application for this grant will be due this August.

Under Old Business, Cyndie Gerken stated that Mr. Bill Berry (our former Chairman who is following up on a couple of leads he had while on the Board), was able to reach Mr. Burrows of Advanced Mechanical Services. Mr. Burrows subsequently did look at the Olive Branch building. He told Mr. Berry that he did not feel he was the right person to give an estimate on the cost to renovate the building. Mr. Burrows expressed that he felt it should be someone who has more experience in restoration work. Also Bill had spoken to John Detrick, retired Clark County Commissioner and graduate of this school system, and he had suggested that we contact Kevin Rose, Historian of The Turner Foundation, to see if there was an interest there. Cyndie Gerken reported that she wrote to Mr. Rose and he did come out and look at the building. Mr. Rose expressed that he felt his boss, Mr. Landess, would be interested in seeing the building; on March 29, 2017, Mr. Rose wrote back to Cyndie that he had spoken with Mr. Landess, and that he is interested. However, Mr. Landess is traveling in March and April, and he wants to wait until after that to make arrangements to look at the building. Cyndie volunteered to notify the Board when John Landess is coming out and hopefully several of us can be present for the walk through. Cyndie also reported that Kevin Rose had stated that the building style reminded him of the "Akron Plan" with its wedge shaped rooms extending from a central area. This style was used for Sunday Schools in the 1860's and 1870's. The possibility of saving the old windows was brought up during the building tour and it was shared that Matt Wolf of the Centennial Restoration Group in Columbus does restoration of old windows, stucco, etc. The Turner Foundation turns to this company for that type work.

Continuing with Old Business, we proceeded with the election of officers that we had tabled at the last two meetings. The Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer agreed to stay on in their offices and Jim Leathley agreed to run for Chairman. A motion to approve the entire slate of officers was made by Susan Morgan and seconded by John Sipe. Motion carried.

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TLS Superintendent Norm Glismann reported that the contract with the School Board is in process and he did have the one page letter complete for us to present when contacting people for assistance with the building restoration. It documents the working relationship of the TLS Board and the Olive Branch School Preservation Society. Each Board member was given a copy to review. When the full contract is completed and approved, a copy will be sent to each Board member.

Under New Business, a bylaw change regarding membership, dues and attendance was presented by Cyndie Gerken. The old bylaws were confusing in regard to what minimal amount of donation was required for membership status. Cyndie Gerken, Sharon Leathley and Susan Morgan reviewed this prior to the meeting and came up with a simply stated replacement, which included the addition of an attendance clause regarding unexcused absences by Board members. The amendment basically states that dues are a minimum of \$10 a year and that Board members must pay dues to remain on the Board. As per the current bylaws, the suggested amendment was sent out to all current Board members ten days in advance, so that it could be voted upon at this meeting. Cyndie also had verbal approval from Howard Stahl and Ken Strickland who could not make the meeting, but there was a quorum at the meeting to vote on the change. A motion to accept the bylaw amendment as written was made by John Sipe and seconded by Jim Leathley. Motion carried. Cyndie Gerken stated she would update the bylaws with the amendments, and see that the amended bylaws were added to the OBSPS web site.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Morgan, Secretary