

Olive Branch School Preservation Society
Minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting

The OBSPS Board meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Jim Leathley. Trustees present were **Jim Leathley, Cyndie Gerken, Sharon Leathley, Susan Morgan, Peter Scarff, Howard Stahl, Virgil Studebaker,** and **Don Wallace.** Guest Connie Sample was also present.

The minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting had been emailed or snail mailed to trustees several weeks before the meeting. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Cyndie Gerken and seconded by Jim Leathley. Motion carried.

A written Treasurer's Report was presented by Sharon Leathley with a current balance of \$6,779.49. With no questions, the report was filed for audit.

Under Old Business, Chairman Jim Leathley reviewed our March 2, 2018 meeting with Kevin Rose at the Olive Branch building. Kevin's suggestions included having the electric to the southeast room disconnected first for safety. Then he suggested taking the room back to the original state by removing the drop ceiling and added bookshelves, taking up floor tiles, etc. Kevin advised repairing the windows rather than replacing them and to take up the plywood on the floor last so as not to damage the wood floors underneath. He said we should be able to determine original wall colors as we do the tear down. Jim Leathley stated that he talked to Doug Lyons and Doug is willing to tie off the electric for us. It was reviewed that Kevin also gave us a sample volunteer waiver form to have volunteers sign. Jim reported that Dave Suther volunteered to help. Dave is a local Tecumseh graduate that is very interested in local history and its preservation. Jim Leathley also reported that architect Chris Widener was also willing to help/advise, as able. Some discussion ensued regarding wearing quality face masks for safety, etc. Virgil Studebaker said he thought he could get us masks.

Under New Business, Cyndie Gerken reported that she prepared the Della Selsor Trust grant application for 2018 and that she included in it that we plan to renovate one of the classrooms. This grant would be used for mailings, brochures, etc. Cyndie also reported that if we want to consider applying for a Turner Foundation grant that would be due in September. Next, copies of the proposed bylaw amendment on meeting days were distributed. Copies had also been mailed to all Board members ten days prior to this meeting. The proposed change in meeting day would be from the second Monday of the month of January, April, July, and October, to the second week of the same months. This would allow for us to set meeting days that would accommodate all of our members' availability. Howard Stahl moved to adopt the amendment and Susan Morgan seconded. The amendment passed unanimously. Don Wallace mentioned that his brother's children think they may have one of the school's original bells. In response to a question by Don, Cyndie Gerken noted that an Ohio Historical marker would cost around \$3000. Howard Stahl asked if that could be specified in a Turner grant request and Cyndie stated that it could. Scheduling a work day was discussed next. After some discussion the dates of April 28, 2018 and May 19, 2018 were decided upon. Start time would be 10AM. Peter Scarff stated that some of the district's summer help may be able to help haul off some of the debris from tear down. This may save the cost of a dumpster that we would probably not fill. Jim Leathley volunteered to look into ladders and we may be able to use scaffolding the school has. Everyone should bring their own tools.

The next Board meeting will be July 11, 2018 and since Norm Glismann will be retired by then, we would like to thank him for his service on the OBSPS board. We will invite incoming superintendent Paula Crew to our future meetings.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Cyndie Gerken and seconded by Howard Stahl. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Morgan, Secretary