

OLIVE BRANCH SCHOOL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Minutes of meeting on February 21, 2008

The Tecumseh Board of Education's regularly scheduled February 12, 2008 meeting was canceled due to a severe ice storm. It was rescheduled for Thursday, February 21st, and at that meeting, Olive Branch School Restoration Committee representative Bill Berry gave a report of activities pursued by Olive Branch's Planning Committee including notice of approval of the Preliminary Questionnaire Application, indicating that our property qualifies for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Bill advised that tri-annual meetings of the Ohio Historical Site Preservation Advisory Board (January, March, and October) are held at which consideration is given to applications submitted. He indicated that the process, from submission to the first draft to approval and listing by the National Park Service, takes approximately 12 months. Bill shared the requirements for completion of the application and the Committee's recommendation that the Board (upon our achieving 501(c) (3) status) hire a consultant at a cost estimate of no more than \$5000, to assist us in preparing the NR nomination. In consultation with the School District Attorney, the Board of Education, as owners of the building and representing the Olive Branch School Restoration Committee, has the authority to assist in applying for 501(c) (3) status (for the purpose of raising funds for renovations and such other related cost to the Olive Branch Building project), as well as to hire a consultant to assist with the National Register nomination. The Board subsequently approved the employment of Ms. Nathalie Wright, Historic Preservation Consultant.