

Olive Branch School Preservation Society

Minutes of the meeting on January 9, 2019

The OBSPS Board meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chairman Jim Leathley. Trustees present were **Jim Leathley, Cyndie Gerken, Susan Morgan, Sharon Leathley, Howard Stahl, Virgil Studebaker**, and ex-officio TLS Assistant Superintendent Ivan Gehret. Guest Connie Sample was also present.

The minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting had been snail mailed or emailed to all trustees several weeks prior to the meeting. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes as written; a motion to approve was made by Cyndie Gerken and seconded by Howard Stahl. Motion carried.

A printed Treasurer's Report was distributed. Sharon Leathley reviewed the amounts in and out, noting that we had a few donations resulting from the recent 3-year pledge fundraiser mailing. Sharon also noted that a few more donations had come in that were not reflected in the report and they were not deposited yet. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Under Old Business, Jim Leathley passed out a written quote from the Centennial Preservation Group in Columbus on the replacement of the windows in the current southeast room in the Olive Branch building. A separate quote for outside door replacement for that room was in the report as well. Some general discussion took place with most agreeing that the door replacement sounded reasonable but the windows sounded a little high on price. Jim plans to also contact Mr. Bolle from Ted Bolle Millwork, Inc. near Springfield for a quote for the same work so that we can compare. It was mentioned that it would be a good idea to keep our donors updated on what we are getting done. We also discussed that we could afford to get the door done as well as some of the dry wall and outside painting with our existing funds. This progress would show both donors and associations that could award grants that we are doing all we can with the resources we have. Cyndie Gerken suggested we post our fundraiser letter on Facebook and Virgil Studebaker mentioned a THS class of '66 and the 1960's Alumni page should be contacted. Cyndie will see that the posts are made to the Facebook pages as well as updates on the web site.

Under New Business, Jim Leathley stated that we need to appoint a new trustee to take the place of Mr. Sipe who has resigned citing he was unable to do as much as he would like on the Board. His term expires 10/31/2020. We also have an open seat on the Board that needs to be filled to meet the bylaws. Jim and Sharon Leathley suggested Dave Suther and Sara Suver as good candidates for the appointments. Everyone agreed. In looking at term expirations, both seats would expire 10/31/2020. Virgil Studebaker moved to appoint both candidates as trustees with their approval. Jim Leathley volunteered to contact each of them to see if they would accept. If either declines we can be thinking of others who would be good candidates. In other new business, Cyndie mentioned that we did receive the Della Selsor Grant for \$800 and Sharon reported a thank you note had been sent.

With no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Howard Stahl and seconded by Cyndie Gerken. Motion carried. The next meeting will be April 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Susan Morgan