

# Olive Branch School Preservation Society

Minutes of the meeting on July 11, 2018

The OBSPS Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Jim Leathley. Trustees present were **Jim Leathley, Susan Morgan, Peter Scarff, John Sipe, Ken Strickland, Virgil Studebaker, Don Wallace,** and **Ex –Officio Paula Crew TLS Superintendant and Ivan Gehret TLS Assistant Superintendant.**

The minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting had been emailed or snail mailed to trustees several weeks before the meeting. There were no additions to or corrections of the minutes, and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Don Wallace and seconded by Virgil Studebaker. Motion carried.

A printed treasurer's report was distributed. Our current balance is \$6,403.74. The report also noted that the nonprofit CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUED EXISTENCE had been paid and received. A written Quarterly Statement of our Horizon Fund was also distributed. Both were filed for audit.

Under Old Business, Jim Leathley reported on the demo of the Southeast room of the Olive Branch Building. Jim praised the custodial staff of TLS for providing help in many ways including getting, putting up, and taking down scaffolding. Jim gave an overview of the demo and reported that some damage to the wood floor was seen in one area but he is hoping it is just to the plywood as the original wood floors were treated with Linseed oil which helps protect them. Jim reported that we need to decide what our next steps will be and how they should be done. For Example; should we repair old plaster or replace it with dry wall? Jim reported that he has reached out to Chris Widener who works in architecture for his opinion. The Turner Foundation hopefully can also give us some advice since they have been involved in historic restorations. Jim further stated that we can now apply for grants to fund specific projects such as the window repair. Electricity will be another area for discussion. Should we have none? Should we have one center electric light where the old one was? It was brought up that we could add a covered floor outlet for use at meetings etc that would not take away from the historic renovation. How to handle heating and air conditioning is another topic to consider. Jim ended the discussion with an invitation to the group to go see the demolition after the formal meeting.

Under New Business, Jim Leathley noted the 2018-2019 Della Selsor Grant request has been submitted. Jim also mentioned that Cyndie Gerken had proposed that maybe we could get some help from some experienced grant writers to obtain other grants. Sara Kadel Suver, who retired from TLS district, was noted as someone who has had some grant writing experience. Jim Leathley also brought up that the thermometer outside of the Olive Branch building has become tacky looking. With an informal ok from the trustees Jim reports he will remove it. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Morgan, Secretary