

OLIVE BRANCH SCHOOL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2012

Trustees present: Vice Chair Cyndie Gerken, Jane Manemann, Susan Morgan, John Sipe, Virgil Studebaker and ex officio Brad Martin. Guests were Debbie Brandt and Joan Brandt. In the absence of Secretary Ken Strickland, Susan Morgan agreed to take the meeting minutes.

In the absence of Chairman Bill Berry, Cyndie Gerken called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting were reviewed with corrections made as follows: Bill Berry sent an e-mail (not letter) to Tom Couch, whose last name is correctly spelled "Crouch." (It was also noted here that we need to verify if Mr. Crouch is still willing to be an honorary trustee.) Jane Manemann also clarified that the implication of joining an organization is another of her concerns. With these corrections and additions made, Jane Manemann made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Susan Morgan. Motion carried.

Treasurer Pam Mustovich was absent and had not submitted a Treasurer's Report. Trustees are wondering if any of the contacts they made have responded; Pam will be contacted.

Finance Committee Chair Howard Stahl was not present to provide the Finance Committee Report, but he sent word that there was nothing new to report.

Promotions: Debbie Brandt reported she is still amassing a list of THS alumni and needs contact info for several classes. She also reported that she did send some brochures with Jerry Free for his class' meeting, but only a few were taken by those alumni. Debbie is working on a group of volunteers to help with OBSPS promotional e-mails. THS classes of '77 and '87 are both having reunions this year, and contact information was given to Debbie.

Old Business: The fund-raising thermometer sign was discussed. The Trustees were reminded that Bruce Eggleston's estimate to make the sign was \$350. At our April 9 meeting, the Trustees had asked that Bill Berry seek a second estimate from Luke Putterbaugh. [Note: Mr. Berry reported to Cyndie Gerken that shortly after the April meeting, he contacted Luke at his shop requesting an estimate for the cost of constructing a thermometer sign, including material and installation using the Bruce Eggleston design. Not receiving an estimate in a timely fashion, Mr. Berry returned to Luke's business and asked an employee to remind Mr. Putterbaugh that if he was interested in submitting an estimate, he needed to do so. As of July 6th, none had been received by Mr. Berry.] Debbie Brandt will try to talk to Luke as he may make it for no charge. The draft layout for the sign was reviewed and some wording was changed. A decision was made to have the sign read "Help Restore This Historic Building," with the term "Phase I Goal" put at the top and a goal of "\$50,000.00" (for asbestos removal). When this goal is reached we will then start a Phase II goal. We decided the deadline for having the sign up will be 9/1/2012.

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The OBSPS web site progress was also discussed and Cyndie reported that Scott Green of Digital Graphics felt he could have the site up and running in a month. He will include a PayPal option for ease in donating.

New Business: The June 23rd clean-up/open house had to be canceled since the Olive Branch building was surrounded with US 40 re-paving equipment at the time. A new date for an open house at the building was discussed, but the date was not set. Cyndie Gerken will look into possible Saturday dates avoiding homecoming weekend as people will be involved in that and it may hurt attendance. Cyndie will also check into THS home football game dates as we would like a presence there since it is well followed by the community.

Cyndie also voiced some concern about a recent *Springfield News-Sun* article about the state possibly taking over the financial oversight of the school system and what that would mean for the historic building. Brad Martin stated that that happened in the Springfield school district and the old South High School Building is still there. He commented that the best plan is to persevere as even wealthy school districts are having budget problems and this may be happening to many school systems in Ohio.

Our next scheduled OBSPS Board meeting is October 8, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted for Secretary Ken Strickland,

Susan Morgan, Secretary Pro-tem