

OLIVE BRANCH SCHOOL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Minutes of the Special Meeting on May 1, 2023

As was discussed at our January (in person) Board meeting and again at the April 18th virtual meeting, the exterior of the Olive Branch building needs to be cleaned and painted. Chairman Jim Leathley contacted a local company (AquaForce) to give us an estimate for power washing the outside of the building. The thought was, given the age and condition of the exterior paint, the largest majority of the paint SHOULD be able to be removed in the power washing process. In addition, the stone, fascias, and gutter exteriors would be cleaned.

After it was determined that the majority of the Board would be available, another special "virtual" meeting was concluded on May 1, 2023. Those participating were **Jim Leathley, Cyndie Gerken, Susan Morgan, Sharon Leathley, Howard Stahl** (via phone), **Virgil Studebaker, Alec Ashbaugh, Scott Suther, Sara Suver, Don Wallace**, ex officio TLS Superintendent **Paula Crew** and ex officio TLS Director of Facilities and Safety **Brian Dixon**.

Chairman Leathley pointed out that the power washing estimate DOES NOT include cleaning up the debris (paint chips) that will be left afterwards. This will be OUR responsibility. Jim wondered if perhaps we can enlist a group of students to assist in that venture (maybe for community service?). If not - we will need a "work day" to do it ourselves. Board member Alec Ashbaugh commented that he thought the cleanup should go fairly easily, if we put tarps/plastic down. Also, he thought the majority of the debris would just fall down onto that. He said he can provide the tarps/plastic, if we give him a date in advance.

It was noted that after cleaning, we will need to make some eave repairs (to replace missing boards), then paint the exposed wood, the "trim" around the exterior, and (possibly) touchup the gutters. Chairman Leathley has a person who has talked to him about painting (Boyd Barger - head of custodial and maintenance). Nothing definite was decided on that, so it was tabled until our next meeting.

After the discussion, a motion to authorize the hiring of AquaForce to do the exterior power washing was made by Jim Leathley and seconded by Scott Suther. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Morgan, Secretary