

Oak Lodge History Detectives Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Schmeer at 7:00 pm. Introductions were made. Nineteen members were present and two guests.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,538.87 including \$1,000 in reserve for Web Site.

The Secretary reported a draft of the February 8, 2018 minutes is available on the Web site. Hearing no additions or correction, the minutes were approved as posted.

Membership Chairman Baldwin Van der Bilj reported that there are 48 paid members and 39 members who are not current in their membership dues. He will be sending a renewal reminder in August.

OLD BUSINESS

Concord School: The Concord School site is now officially owned by the North Clackamas Parks. There will be a meeting of the Concord stakeholders group on April 16 at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church at 6:30. OLHD members are encouraged to attend.

OLHD membership renewal year: Following previous discussions, the Board has decided the annual renewal of memberships will be the second Thursday of October (this year October 11, 2018) which is the date of the Annual Meeting. The Board further decided that members who have paid at any time in 2018 will have their next renewal date be October 2019. Members were reminded they can pay two years in advance.

Mike Schmeer noted the OLHD is a member of the Clackamas County Heritage Council which provides reciprocal benefits for admission discounts. The new OLHD membership cards (to be distributed in October) can be used for this purpose. Meanwhile members should say they are members when visiting heritage sites in Clackamas County. He receives a newsletter listing historical group events. He will pass this on to OLHD members and post them on the website.

IT WAS MOVED by Lisa Bentley, seconded by Pat Kennedy, that the Web Master, Mike Hitchcock, be provided free membership status in return for his services. Unanimous approval.

Evangelical Retreat Center: Lisa Bentley reported the Section 106 review will be concluded by the end of April. All parties are to be signatories. Lennar has not been cooperative regarding minimizing or mitigating the effect on the historic property. North Clackamas County Parks is attempting to negotiate purchase of 16 lots at Fair Market Value. There is a possibility of saving the Friesen Chapel if it can be moved from its current location in the proposed development. The developer would have to pay for the move. Other mitigation possibilities include a Web Site, funds to the Clackamas County Historical Society, Oregon Historical Society and End of the Oregon Trail. Any monies received would have a committee of local people to allocate the funds.

Fair Oaks Litigation: Mike Schmeer has been asked to testify in this matter (see February 8 minutes); the trial has been postponed until August.

NEW BUSINESS

Thelma Haggemiller reported the Tourism Development Council Fund's deadline is June. Thelma has more information.

Lisa reported she met with the Clackamas County Historical Society's new director, Jenna Barganski. MOOT would offer a field trip to OLHD members to the "Death and Dying on the Oregon Trail" exhibit. They would need 15 guests at \$5.00 per head with a discount on museum entry fee.

Oak Grove Trolley Trail Fest: The event is scheduled for August 18. Mike asked for volunteers from the OLHD. Several members offered to volunteer. New this year will be Trolley Trail tours scheduled throughout the day in groups of 6. A flyer on landmark homes will be provided to the guides.

Historic Trolley Trail District: Pat Kennedy spoke about her work on the Historic Trolley Trail District. She said they need people to do research on not only the passenger service but also on freight service. If interested, let Pat know. There is also a need for volunteers to knock on doors to ask homeowners for their permission to be included in the District. There is also research needed on local residents who were involved with the Inter-Urban lines (conductors, engineers, etc.) as well as notable passengers.

There was discussion on the importance of providing informational signage on historic homes as was done by the Oregon City Forum.

Oak Grove Garden Club: Pam Collard distributed a flyer concerning the Risley Landing Gardens which is owned by the Garden Club and available for event rental. They will have a plant sale there on May 12 from 9-3.

OLHD Website: Mike Schmeer described the changes to the website and presented a digital tour. He discussed the possible additions and refinements that will be made. Events and Minutes are now online. The Archive section is being greatly expanded. Mike was thanked for his extensive work on researching the families of Oak Lodge.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55. The next meeting will be June 14, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ott Piper, Secretary