

Oak Lodge History Detectives Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2018

This is the OLHD ANNUAL MEETING rescheduled from October 11 due to illness.

The Treasurer Pat Reinert and Membership Chair Baldwin Van der Bijl were present to collect Membership Dues and distribute Membership Cards.

The ANNUAL meeting was called to order by Mike Schmeer at 7:12 pm. Twenty one members and no guests were in attendance. The Treasury currently stands at \$2,179.78 plus \$1000 reserve. Mike introduced a new member, Frank Hernandez from Oak Grove. The minutes from June 14, 2018 were approved.

Election of Officers

The only open position is that of Secretary. Mary Piper was thanked for serving in this position. Ellen Toothacker accepted the nomination of Secretary for a two-year term and was elected.

Membership Cards

Membership Chair Baldwin Van der Bijl has the new OLHD membership card available upon payment of annual dues. Members can also pay for two-years dues.

By-Laws

The Chair presented a By-Laws Revision Proposal concerning those sections pertaining to Annual Meetings to correct conflicting or confusing terms.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED that the proposed changes be adopted. Motion carried with 4 nay votes.

The By-laws committee will continue to meet to review the entire By-Laws and make recommended changes to the membership.

OLD BUSINESS

Oak Grove Fest

The Chair reported the Fest was a great success and thanked members for participating at the OLHD tables. There was a suggestion that the location of the OLHD booth be reviewed before next year.

Oak Grove Halloween Event

The October 27 “Knock or Treat” event was quite successful with the addition of local businesses opening their doors to the children. The Chair was disappointed that there was no participation by the OLHD this year.

Concord School Update

Mike Schmeer reported on the 'Concord Property & Library Planning Task Force' group. This 15-person task force consists of County and public members and is charged with making recommendations regarding the future of this historical resource (Concord School site), how to preserve it, and a newer library. The OLHD is represented by Mike Schmeer, Grover Bornefeld, and Jan Lindstrom.

Evangelical Retreat Campground (ERC)

Grover Bornefeld gave an update of the settlement with Lennar Development. The County Council will be involved on the distribution of the restitution and will set up a committee to manage the fund.

Jan Carothers reported on the October 20 ERC Commemorative Sign Meeting. The size is expected to 4' by 6', two sided. It is intended to include images and text. There may be a code so smart phones can access additional information. The Homeowners Association will be responsible for maintenance of the sign and trees.

Trolley Trail monuments

Mike Schmeer reported there is now a Commemorative Roethe bench and monument at the trolley trail and Roethe Road provided by descendants of the Roethe family. The cost was \$300 for the stone plus \$375 for the engraving. Boy Scouts were involved in the installation.

Mike proposed there be a “First School” monument located at River Road at Laurelwood. The owner of the location will need to agree to its placement. It was suggested that the Garden Club might be interested in this project.

August 4, 2018 field trip

Lisa Bentley reported the visit to the Lady of Grace Pro-Cathedral was well attended. She reminded members there is no protection for this building. She asked members to consider what buildings are worth saving.

Interurban Rail Corridor Update

Pat Kennedy reported she has found little support for an Interurban Historic District. However, she proposes an incremental approach to refining and making additions to the Clackamas County landmark inventory of structures adjoining the Trolley Trail. She distributed a two-year proposal detailing goals and objectives for OLHD consideration. This proposed draft for Year 1 includes setting boundaries to be surveyed; a review of the current landmark homes as originally published with the addition of recent listings by SHPO; recruiting and training of volunteers to conduct face to face canvas of owners.

Other

There has been a request from the new veterinary owners of the “Colonial Office Products” building for any photographs of the building.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ott Piper, Secretary