

# Oak Lodge History Detectives

## Minutes

Feb. 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Schmeer at 7:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report: \$1,945.82 available, plus \$595.81 in reserve.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the November 2018 Annual Meeting were approved as submitted.

Membership Report: 34 current members; 61 expired. Baldwin Van Der Bijl explained that we keep lapsed members on the email list unless we hear differently, but are dropped from the membership list.

### Old Business:

- Mike Schmeer brought us up to date on the Fair Oaks lawsuit. He was able to use history to testify for the defense that Alice Campbell intended access to the river for everybody in the subdivision. Court awarded for the defendants. The decision is being appealed.
- Website update: Mike Hitchcock has added more interviews on YouTube, and more information about local schools and the history of the Naef family.
- The board voted to participate in the Clackamas County Heritage Council "Reciprocal Benefits program" for card carrying OLHD members.
- Guest speaker Richard Craven from Clackamas County Family Historical Society gave a talk on "Historic Clackamas County Schools." He has put together a map of historic schools. Richard asked for help identifying those that are unknown. The group was able to identify some of these schools.

### New Business:

- Stringfield house proposal to North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District - Stringfield Park was developed on the site of the Naef family farm. Baldwin Van der Bijl and Mike Schmeer have proposed exhibiting historic photos of the property within the Stringfield house.
- 'First School' marker on the Evan Griffith property [formerly Lawry] - Mike met the new owners, who are amenable to having a historical marker on the property. He would also like to see markers placed at the site of Orin Kellogg's tannery at Concord and Oatfield.

- Jennings Lodge Evangelical Campground sign and mitigation update – Lisa Bentley and Grover Bornefeld gave an update on the informational sign that will be placed near the new entrance off of Jennings Avenue. There is \$15,000 in escrow set aside for the sign. The purpose is to educate regarding the role the campground played in the history of the community. Once in place, upkeep would become the responsibility of the homeowners' association, who could oversee the handling of the remaining funds.
- Program: "Who Was John Glore?" - Mike Schmeer spoke about John Glower - erroneously referred to as Glore by locals - who is thought to have been the first black man to live in Oak Lodge. John Glower was a widower from Kentucky who did odd jobs in the community and worked for the Oatfields. He was well-respected and owned his home. Mike located Glower's property using plat maps.
- Program: Naef family photo additions - Mike Schmeer gave some background on the Naef /Roethe/Evans land, which is part of the Benoni Rogers Donation Land Claim. Otto Naef operated his Oak Knoll Dairy on his land between River Road and Harold Avenue. Mike displayed photos of the Naef home and family. Bob and Yvonne Naef and their sons Doug and Brian were present.
- Martha Waldemar reported on the Isabelle Rupert house, a Clackamas County historic landmark. The current owner installed solar panels before obtaining approval, which is a major modification. Martha stated that the panels have since been removed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM by Chairman Mike Schmeer. The next meeting will be a "Special Meeting" on April 11, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Toothacker, Secretary