

Old Northwest Military History Association

Business Meeting Date: 04/07/2022

Members in Attendance: Mitchell Bruning, Susan Cayton, John Destatte, Joan Drill, Tim Drill, Martin Land, Tamia Land, Callie Medkeff, Steve Nichols, Ashley Phlipot, Jacque Redding, Jey Redding, Becca Schmidt, Billie Szymanski, John Thompson

Online Attendees: Kelly Beattie, Dennis Bova, Annette Bristol, Dan Coutcher, Angela Strous, Tom Strous,

Members Excused: Lynn Bova, Lili Clark, Erin Potts, Gavin Redding, Nolan Redding, Theo Ross, Beth Rudecki, Randy Rudecki, Tony Szymanski, Mike Waskul, Dan Wilkins

Guests: Sam McAvoy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved and seconded to accept the previous meeting's minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Officer's Reports

President's Report, Jey Redding: We're kicking off the season. We now need to be here every Thursday from now on.

Treasurer's Report, Marty Land: Account balances at the end of last month:

Checking:	\$ 9,294.68
Petty Cash:	699.15
Savings:	<u>109,979.16</u>
Total	\$119,972.99

We had income of \$50 from dues. Monies were spent on the Clothing Conference (\$1,611.91), Tea Party (\$39.94), and the Recruiting Table at Kalamazoo (\$387.76).

Membership Coordinator's Report, Tim Drill: Tim had two potential contacts this week. He'll keep in contact with them.

He also challenged everyone to recruit one new member by Garrison Ghostwalk.

Secretary's Report, Tamia Land: Record your hours on the ONMHA website.

Special Events Coordinator's Report, Billie Szymanski: The clothing conference went well. We received some suggestions about possible topics for next year. We need to decide if we want to do it every year or every other year.

Committee Reports

Military Committee, Marty Land: The Longwoods event will take place on April 30th and May 1st. As of yesterday, all that is required to enter Canada and the U.S. is proof of vaccination. Please let Marty know if you plan to attend and he will get us registered.

The first drill session will be April 14th at 7:00 p.m., rain or shine.

Fort Meigs After Dark will be Friday, April 22d. Let John T. know if you can help.

Civilian Committee, Billie Szymanski: We need people to help mend loaner clothes for volunteers. Billie will be handing out lists of clothing needed each season.

A sign-up for First Siege help will be put up next meeting.

Support Committee, John Destatte: No report.

Communications Committee, Tamia Land: Let Tamia (onmha@onmha.org) know if you are having any trouble with the website or if you aren't receiving ONMHA emails.

Staff Update

John T. updated us that this has been a challenging opening to the fort. Many requests are coming in from the public. A lot of volunteer help is needed.

A new chief of maintenance has been hired. Bobby started Tuesday, April 5th.

There are a lot of school tours that will need volunteer help. John posted a list. If you have never led tours before, you will need training. Contact John.

There are a lot of upcoming military activities that require the soldiers to be well drilled. Drill starts next Thursday. Anyone who portrays a soldier should be at drill as often as possible.

To try and keep clothing and equipment organized, pegs will be assigned to each soldier for their accoutrements for the season.

John would like to run a tavern program during the Brigade Napoleon event weekend.

Discussions

Old Business: The refrigerator has been purchased. and will be delivered on Wednesday. After discussion with several board and general members, it was decided to replace the old refrigerator in the kitchenette and move it to the maintenance garage. The new refrigerator came to \$2,112.50. Tamia moved and John D. seconded, that we amend the original motion of \$1,000 to \$2,112.50. The motion passed unanimously with two abstentions.

The grill has also been purchased (\$191.19) and needs to be put together. It is in the storage area.

Tim let us know that we should hear about the Garden Club grant next month.

John D. said the forge wheels should be \$1,200 – 1,500. Marty moved and Billie seconded that we spend up to \$3,000 for wheels. The motioned passed unanimously, with two abstentions.

Billie has been purchasing cookware and is still within her budget.

New Business: Billie motioned, and Marty seconded, that we donate \$750 for Project Linus. The motion passed unanimously with two abstentions.

John D. motioned, and Tamia seconded, that we donate up to \$1,000 to Brett Walker for assistance with his research on historic shoes. The motioned passed unanimously with two abstentions.

Susan Cayton motioned, and Tim seconded, we donate \$100 to the Red Cross for relief efforts in Ukraine. The motioned passed with two abstentions

Announcements: The DAR Museum in Washington, D.C. has a new exhibit titled *To Supply A Nation: Origins and Impacts of Everyday Things*. The exhibit runs through December. On Tuesday, April 12, it will be the focus of their *Virtual Tuesday Talks*. Curator Alden O'Brien will be discussing the fibers and materials that made up Americans' clothing in the Early Republic. Register through their Facebook page or on Zoom. <https://bit.ly/ZoomTuesdayTalk>. If you can't make the talk, it will be posted on the DAR Museum's You Tube channel following the talk.

There is a Fiber Festival at the Washtenaw County Fairgrounds on April 9 & 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tamia Land, Secretary