

Old Northwest Military History Association

Business Meeting Date: 09/07/2023

Members in Attendance: John Destatte, Tim Drill, Jennifer House, Tony House, Callie Medkeff, AJ Parks, Ashley Phlipot, Jacque Redding, Jey Redding, John Thompson

Online Attendees: Dennis Bova, Lynn Bova, Beth Rudecki, Randy Rudecki, Angela Strous, Tom Strous, John Tricoli, Max Wehrle, Dan Wilkins,

Members Excused: Lili Clark, Dan Coutcher, Gavin Redding, Nolan Redding, Adam Shalabe, Erin Shalabe, Jacob Strous, Kathleen Strous, Billie Szymanski, Tony Szymanski,

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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: Jey welcomed everyone and reminded us that elections are in November. Letters of Intent need to be turned in to the Nominating committee no later than the October meeting.

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

Checking:	\$1,943.44
Petty Cash:	379.48
Savings:	98,025.79
Total:	\$100,348.71

The Income and Expense Report is attached following the minutes.

Membership Coordinator's Report, Tim Drill: Tim has contacted a potential member who visited the fort in August. She lives out of town but would like to support the site.

Secretary's Report, Tamia Land: Record your hours on the ONMHA website. Thanks to those who sent in hours for last month.

Special Events Coordinator's Report, Billie Szymanski: No report.

Committee Reports

Military Committee, Marty Land: This weekend we have 21 people going to Put-In-Bay. It is a more laid back event than the usual away events. There are demos but no opposed line tacticals.

Civilian Committee, Callie Medkeff: The cooking/baking day went well.

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 discussed the staff report. His report is attached at the end of the minutes.

After checking the policies, the board voted to loan one or both reflector ovens to the River Raisin site.

John has paperwork for new members to get background checks done. Anyone who has joined since April needs to have a background check done. If you have already had one done for work or other activities, a copy of that report can be turned in to John or Ashley.

Discussions

Old Business: The wheels have not been ordered yet. It was decided that from now on the large wheels will be 56" and the limber wheels will be 42".

New Business: Marty moved, and Tim seconded, that we offer \$200 for Eric Hemingway to be a story teller on Friday, October 19. Eric is a Native American and will be at the River Raisin Battlefield the week before the first Ghostwalk weekend. The motion passed with one dissenting vote and two abstentions.

Due to an oversight, the fort did not receive a donation for last year's Ghostwalk. Jey moved and John seconded that we donate \$2,000 to the Fort for last year's Ghostwalk. The motion passed with two abstentions.

Tamia moved and Callie seconded that we donate to the FMA, 15% or a minimum of \$2000.00, whichever is greater, of the Ghostwalk gate. The motion passed with two abstentions.

Ghostwalk is ONMHA's major fundraiser. It is very labor intensive. We need as much help as possible. In addition to the jobs during the tours, there are a lot of things that need to be done before the start of the evening and after the tours are in. A list of set up and clean up jobs is attached at the end of the minutes.

Announcements: The River Raisin Battlefield is working on a Native interpretive area. Anyone interested should visit the site or talk with John Destatte.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tamia Land, Secretary

August Income and Expense

Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Donated Income	665.50	Grant from Perrysburg Garden Club
Membership Income		
Individual Dues	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Membership Income	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Income	690.50	
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>-10.00</u>	
Total COGS	<u>-10.00</u>	
Gross Profit	700.50	
Expense		
Bank Service Charges	53.18	
Interpretive Expense		
Supplies	<u>93.13</u>	Materials for 4 handspikes and new trail box.
Total Interpretive Expense	93.13	
Membership Expenses		
Away Events	<u>2,654.67</u>	16 members to Fort Erie. Food, Fuel, 6 hotel rooms.
Total Membership Expenses	2,654.67	
Miscellaneous Expenses	6.35	
Office Expenses		
Checks	33.23	
Web Services	<u>6.41</u>	
Total Office Expenses	<u>39.64</u>	
Total Expense	<u>2,846.97</u>	
Net Ordinary Income	2,146.47	
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Interest Income	<u>0.83</u>	
Total Other Income	<u>0.83</u>	
Net Other Income	<u>0.83</u>	
Net Income	<u><u>2,145.64</u></u>	



FORT MEIGS ASSOCIATION STAFF REPORT September 7, 2023

Please send any questions or comments to John Thompson,
jthompson@fortmeigs.org

News

August –

Sixty Years War Event – 319 visitors for weekend, Increase of 42 over previous year.
Extra special thanks to members: Tim Drill, John Destatte, Judy Yokum, True Saenz, Tony House, Jennifer House, Callie Medkalf, Max Cunnings, Anette Bristol

After Dark Lantern Tour – Sell Out Crowd, Board Members, No Passing Out
Suggested Changes? Number per Summer? Away Events 2024?

September -

Monroe County Museum – Sept. 16 event
Would like to borrow reflective oven

Life In Early Ohio – Sign Up NOW

October -

21st EME – Drill Weekend Oct. 7

Eric Hemingway – Event Oct. 18 (possible 19 and 20)
Feedback appreciated.

Announcements –

BH-5 Interior Facelift
BH-5 Exterior Repairs
New Book by Don Hickey – Tecumseh's War

Ghostwalk Set Up / Clean Up Needs

Those with later tours should help with set up and those with early tours should help with clean up. Story tellers shall be excused.

Set Up:

At 5:00 each night:

- ___ Start crock pot for any food needing to be heated
- ___ Set out other food and drinks
- ___ Set out plates, napkins, and flatware

By 6:00 each night:

- ___ Deliver wood to stops
- ___ Deliver benches to stops
- ___ Deliver water buckets to stops
- ___ Set Lantern Hooks with lanterns
- ___ Put fresh candles in lanterns for path
- ___ Start coffee, hot chocolate, hot cider, hot water
- ___ Set up concession tables
- ___ Set out creamer, sugar, stirrers, and napkins

By 6:30 each night:

- ___ Light campfires
- ___ Light lanterns for path
- ___ Tickets and tour reservation lists to front desk
- ___ Cash box to concessions
- ___ Set out and light pumpkins

Clean up:

Outside:

- ___ Put out campfires (story tellers will do their own)
- ___ Stack and cover wood
- ___ Pick up water buckets
- ___ Pick up lanterns (and hooks, on Saturday)
- ___ Pick up pumpkins

In Museum:

- ___ Put away creamer, sugar, stirrers, napkins
- ___ Wipe down and put away concession tables
- ___ Wash and put away coffee pots
- ___ Clean up dinner mess in kitchen
- ___ Store left over food in kitchen and maintenance refrigerator
- ___ Vacuum and sweep (as needed)