

OBHS News

Newsletter of the Old-Brule Heritage Society, Inc. ©2018

Founded in 1998 to Gather, Preserve and Share the History and Heritage of the Old-Brule Region.

Volume XX, Issue 4

August 8, 2018

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dennis Hill, Amnicon, President
Trish Hursh, Poplar, 1st Vice President
Audrey Hakkila, Poplar, 2nd Vice Pres.
Lila Ronn, Lakeside, Secretary
Matt Miller, Superior, Treasurer

Janine Seis, Lake Nebagamon,
Assistant Treasurer
Dorothy Bergsten, Poplar
Bruce Carlson, Superior
Jim Mattson, Poplar
Jody Swanson, Brule

Shirley Kankas-Umolac,
Lake Nebagamon
Charlene Harms, Duluth, Alternate
Lois Pollari, Lake Nebagamon, Alternate
Jim Pellman, Maple, Emeritus

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, AUGUST 24TH AT 6:00 PM AT THE MAPLE TOWN HALL, WITH A MONTICELLO SCHOOL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES TOUR JUST BEFORE AT 5:00 PM

THE THIRD ANNUAL OBHS-MSMA FLEA MARKET FUND RAISER, INDOOR & OUTDOOR, WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM AT THE MAPLE TOWN HALL SITE

The Old-Brule Heritage Society's Annual Meeting will feature an on-site tour of the Monticello School Museum & Archives (MSMA) the hour before our Annual Meeting starts which will be held the day **before** our important MSMA Fund Raiser, both at the Maple Town Hall. We will gather at the school at 5:00 PM to see the progress we have made and to assess where we are with our plans for later this summer and fall to prepare for winter and beyond. We will then move down to the Maple Town Hall at 6:00 PM for a quick bag lunch, and then the business portion of the Annual Meeting where we will survey the activities of our entire organization over the past busy year, and summarize the progress of the Twenty Years OBHS has now been in existence. We will approve the Minutes for last year's (2017) Annual Meeting, hear our Treasurer's Report for the period August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018. We will recognize our members for their many hours contributed to our events and activities, our Board Members who are leaving the Board, and others who have kept OBHS moving forward this past year. We will hold nominations and an election to replace the departing Board Members. To save energy for the Flea Market preparations that will have been going on much of the day, we are asking everyone to bring a bag lunch for themselves and OBHS will provide beverages.

This will be a work day in preparation for the 2018 OBHS-MSMA Flea Market. It will start on Saturday, August 25th at 9:00 AM. Vendors are being sought for the indoor and outdoor sites that will be available. Set-up for vendors will begin at 7:00 AM on Saturday. We are asking for donated items for our own tables inside and our canopy outside. Please realize that antiquated electronic items and clothing items that do not sell will have to be disposed of, some at a charge. We thank the Town of Maple for use of their hall for our meeting, for our preparation work on Friday, and for Saturday's annual Flea Market. We ask our readers here to please spread the word, to come for the tour and the visiting, and please bring along neighbors, family and friends, but especially pray for clear sky on Saturday.

FROM THE EDITOR:

We are stretched thin with all that is going on this year, and we can't stress enough the need for expanded membership and for the donations of funds that will help bring our projects fully on line. It has been our goal with the *OBHS News* to keep everyone fully informed of all that we do and who needs to be thanked: businesses, and individuals, our local towns and villages, our School District and those at our partnering Friends of Old-Brule Heritage Society in the Facebook Group. But the heart of it all is our shared Archives and Historical Collection and the priceless Records of the Past which they hold. We thank all of you reaching out to us and supporting us with your gifts. Our history is your history. Twenty years of work and fun here at Old-Brule have gone by in a flash. Thank you to all who have sacrificed to make it happen, so many who are with us yet and those many who we have lost but whose spirit and memory we hold dear. Thank you all.

-Jim Pellman

OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE OBHS NEWS ARE THOSE OF THE WRITERS ALONE & ARE NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT OFFICIAL POSITIONS OF THE O-BHS ORGANIZATION.

ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Archives Committee would welcome more volunteers to help in this important part of our OBHS mission. Our continuing project is learning to use the computer in support of our work, scanning, interpreting and indexing documents and photos, storing clippings and records and creating databases. The future holds more work on temporary and permanent exhibits using items in our collection, which the MSMA school space will permit. Our thanks go to our loyal committee members and document and artifact donors, and to the Town of Maple for continuing Archive storage space. If you enjoy exacting work and interesting conversation please join us, we hope soon, under the Monticello School. Next meeting is yet to be determined. We expect our old routines to change as we transition to our MSMA site over the next few months. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm our next Archives Committee meeting time and place. WELCOME!

Unapproved MINUTES of the JUNE GENERAL MEETING OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

Thursday, June 14, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Lakeside Town Hall

The evening began with an enjoyable buffet supper. Thanks to everyone who brought refreshments to share and to those who set up the Lakeside Town Hall for the meeting and for the Scandinavian dinner. Thanks to the Town of Lakeside for the use of their facilities for our June meeting, our preparation day on June 15, and for our dinner on June 16. 23 signed the Attendance Roster.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: In the absence of President Dennis Hill, First Vice-President Trish Hursh called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

MINUTES: Doreen moved to accept the Minutes of the April 11, 2018 General Meeting held at the Amnicon Town Hall which were published in the June 2018 issue of the *OBHS NEWS*. Following a second by Audrey, the minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Matt M. was not present, but submitted this report electronically on this date:

Current Balance	Notes
GENERAL FUND: \$7,695.55 (Cash on hand: \$41.44)	Last meeting: \$7,547.30 (+\$148.25) Income: Donations ¹ --\$26; Sauna donations ² --\$250; Wholesale revenue ³ --\$126; 2018 calendar--\$9; Expenses: Lockbox key copies ⁴ --\$7.50 (paid from cash on hand); Newsletters--\$262.75 Outstanding debt: Depot fund--\$5,395; Sauna fund--\$250; Outstanding income ⁵ : 2018 calendar--\$18; Donation--\$2
WINDMILL FUND: \$2,451.32	Last meeting: \$2,776.07 (-\$324.75) Expenses: Utilities (2 months)--\$63.61; State farm insurance ⁶ --\$261.44 Outstanding income: \$4.22 lockbox
MSMA FUND: \$255.22	Last meeting: \$3,458.56 (-\$3,203.34) Income: Transfer from CD--\$1197.96 Expenses: Poplar Building Products--\$4385.18; Utilities--\$16.12 Outstanding income: Menard's in-store rebates--\$71.16 Outstanding debt: Repayment to CD--\$1200.00
CD: \$4,668.50	Last meeting: \$5,868.50 (-\$1,200.00) Outstanding income: MSMA fund repayment--\$1200.00
TOTAL: \$15,070.59	Last meeting: \$19,650.43 (-\$4,579.84)

¹ Ron's classmate; & Richard & Charlene Harms

² Jean Chuy of Toluca, CA (\$200), Charlie's Automotive of South Range (\$50)

³ Poplar Hardware Company - I do not have the details for a breakdown of the \$126 book sales

⁴ There was only 1 key and Jim had it. Now one is kept with the Treasurer supplies, and Jim holds his plus a couple extra.

⁵ The outstanding income is currently a \$20 bill that is in hand and needs to be deposited

⁶ Maybe this was supposed to come from the General Fund? Let me know - Matt

Other items

- I gave to Jim the paperwork from the bank to create a checking account for a Depot Fund. We need Janine's signature on it.
- The General Fund balance minus the Depot & Sauna earmarks is \$1,902.30.
- The \$41.44 cash on hand includes \$20 from Shirley Umolac to purchase 2 calendars and donate \$2. That \$20 will get deposited.
- The \$262.75 newsletter expenses were paid from the Windmill fund and then reimbursed from the General fund, because I didn't have a General fund check with an extra signature on it.

Discussion followed regarding the above report. Regarding the MSMA Fund: In our General Meeting on April 11, 2018, a decision was made "to authorize the use of the funds in the CD" for completing essential work on the Monticello school estimated to cost \$5,500 for labor and \$3,800 for materials (-expected 7% contractor's discount on materials). This decision included the stipulation "to restore the funds to the CD as soon as possible". Because OBHS received a \$5,000 grant from Finlandia Foundation the day following our General Meeting, only \$1,200 was used from the General Fund for the MSMA project. The "Outstanding income" notes included in the above report for both the MSMA and GENERAL FUNDS reflect this use.

The State farm insurance of \$261.44 (Note #6 above) needs to come from the General Fund, not the Windmill Fund because it covers our organization in all conditions.

The \$200 contribution from Jeannie Smith Chuy (Note #2 above) needs to be directed to the Sauna Project.

A motion was made by Shirley and seconded by Audrey to approve the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

- Insurance solicitation.
- State Farm Insurance Statement (on file with Treasurer)
- State Farm notification that direct deposit has been established.
- E-Mail correspondence from Wisconsin Historical Society about regarding reception at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, for new WHS Executive Director Christian Overland. (Jim P. attended this reception on 6/13/18 & noted most attendees were from Bayfield County).
- Letter from Diane C. and Robert Taylor, North Hollywood, CA with donation to Depot Project.
- Letter from Four Star Construction, Superior, with \$100 donation for the Sauna Project.
- Flyer from Oulu Heritage Center and E-Mail from Knox Creek Heritage Center in Brantwood WI regarding their 6-23-2018 Finnish Midsummer Celebrations.
- E-mail sent to WHS Listserve and Janet Seymour regarding our Midsummer Event which she posted.
- Numerous website contacts forwarded by Earl G. to JCP announcing Webinars available and posts with announcements and questions from the state from many societies (dozens).
- E-mail sent to Maple Town Board, Treasurer Dan Green, regarding potential use of Maple Town Hall for the Annual MSMA Fund Raising Flea Market Bazaar. Dates were open on their calendar for August 24-25. Our Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, August 24th.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARCHIVES: This committee is on hold until the MSMA basement can be used. Thanks to Earl for maintenance of our website and communication of messages received and to Jon Winter for hosting our site. OBHS continues to field archive requests and accepts donations. The sale items listed on our website need review.

DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ ESKOLIN HOUSE/ TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: Summer tours will resume on the 3rd Saturday of July, August, and September.

Eskolin House: In preparation for the Midsummer Tours, Mary Ann, Alice, and Lila have cleaned the Eskolin House. Mary Ann has planted flowers donated by Wentworth Gardens. Ron noted that the screen door needs to be replaced. (The front door also needs attention because of a chronic heaving problem during the winter.) Thanks to Ron for the work he has done in the House, raising the cupboards to provide more counter space and a shelf for the microwave, and installing new countertops. Ron has mowed the lawn. He volunteered to look at the toilet which appears to need leveling. Mary Ann has cleaned the toilet and stocked it with deodorant spray and toilet paper. Decisions need to be made to replace the "fried" shrubs on the grounds.

Nature Trail: This project remains in the discussion and planning stage.

Sauna: Plans are being made to move the sauna from the Ruth Erkkila family farm to the Windmill Site. Ron has developed a project list which summarizes necessary actions. Mike Woodhull has made a verbal bid of \$1,000 to move the building to the Windmill Site. Jack Johnstad will donate a load of gravel for both the sauna and depot projects.

Ron and Brian have contacted many local merchants seeking donations for the project. Decisions regarding placement of both the sauna and the Blueberry Depot are on hold until a decision is made at the State level regarding use of state-owned land adjacent to our Windmill site. Ron will follow up with Dennis on this matter.

Taylor’s Bridge Cover: Ron is waiting for the structure design to be completed by David Furtch. In the meantime, Ron is focusing on the sauna and depot projects

MSMA:

Restoration: Woodhull Construction Company completed the reroofing and wall interior restoration with the cost of \$5,500 for the labor which OBHS accepted. Materials came to \$4,400. Framing in the utility area and bathroom would be the next projects to be completed. Plumbing could be done in this area and fixtures put into place.

Fundraising: The Flea Market/Bazaar will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at the Maple Town Hall. A Planning Committee Meeting was set for Tuesday, June 19th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Maple Town Hall. Jim will chair the Committee.

MERCHANDISE: Shirley has cash box for sales at the Windmill Site and Brian and Ruth E. will be selling merchandise at the Lakeside Town Hall during the Midsummer weekend. Mary Ann is organizing prior year calendar packets together for sale with a tentative price of \$3.00/calendar or \$30.00 for the 12 calendar packet. The website inventory needs updating. Twenty-six books need to be ordered from the General Fund to restore our book inventory, and additional copies of *Sisu & Sauna* need to be ordered after a quick correcting of the current text.

MEMBERSHIP:

Opt Out of Newsletter Hard Copy Edition: Contact Jim P. if interested in an online electronic copy.

Dates: Members are asked to verify their mailing address labels on *OBHS News* for correctness of membership dates. Contact Jim P. with any questions. Jim also asks that members keep up with their volunteer hours on the “blue sheets”.

Complimentary Memberships: Complimentary memberships, along with calendar business card ads, are being given to the crews of the businesses who worked on the MSMA project: Olson Brothers, Kevin Mackie, Brian Raivala, John Tuura, and the Woodhull crew: Mike, Troy, Ben, Will Pooler & Ian Trimmer.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: Thanks to Janine and Nancy Moreland for their creation and maintenance of this independent site with 790 current members.

BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT: A month ago, Ron, Brian, Leo Sanda, and Bob Bender tore off several of the portable porches attached to the building and uncovered some of the 119 year-old pine siding. Decisions will need to be made whether to uncover all of this siding, using abatement or sealer on some of the decayed area, or avoid uncovering siding closer to the ground that has decayed.

Fund-raising: A Blueberry Depot Account was authorized at the March Board Meeting. Brian is still waiting to hear from two outstanding grant applications. Brian and Ron have developed a three-page letter explaining the project and are using it to educate and solicit potential contributors in the area. Lila received a phone call from Barbara Hennegar, a potential donor, who said she intends to fulfill her previous pledge and would be in the area in July.

Contact with WI State Highway Department: Dennis has been in contact with WI DOT personnel, seeking to buy or be gifted State land north and east of our Mill site up to 66 feet of center to WI State Hwy. 13 and up to 33 feet of center to Town of Lakeside Old Hwy. 13. A decision is expected to be made sometime this month. DOT will probably complete a survey, at which time Dennis and Brian plan to be present.

Project Manager: Brian Paulsen, working in tandem with Ron Hendrickson, was officially recognized by the OBHS Board as project Manager of the Blueberry Depot at their May meeting. Brian received applause for all of his work thus far on this project.

MIDSUMMER: Scandinavian Dinner and Related Activities: The Workday is on Friday, the 15th beginning at 8:00 a.m.; and Midsummer Dinner is set for Saturday, June 16th, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Donation prices for the meal are \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12; and no charge for children under six. Dan and Dorothy Bergsten are heading the Dinner preparation. Windmill site tours will take place on Friday June 15th, from 3-5 p.m. and on Saturday, June 16th, from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. Mary Ann passed around a sign-up sheet for workers and tour guides at our April General Meeting. **More help is welcome in all areas.**

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT: Matt will bring the Excel form up to date with last year’s numbers to work with. The Budget Committee will then be able to set a meeting time.

ANNUAL MEETING: LOCATION/SPEAKER: It has been decided that we schedule the 2018 Annual Meeting the Friday night before the Sale at the Maple Town Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. The program will consist of a tour of the Monticello School which prior to the Meeting. **NO LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.** Members need to bring their own bag lunch, eat at the local café, or eat at home if they are going directly to the meeting.

PREPARATION: We will need to replace only one member of our Board at the Annual Meeting, and no officer positions. The Nominating Committee has traditionally been those who are leaving the Board. Note: Only Dorothy Bergsten must be replaced unless there are end of term or other resignations.

2018 BOARD MEMBER ACTION LIST

Board Roster and terms:	Came on Board	Term –Rem.	Departure from Board	Action for 2018
Dennis Hill, Amnicon, President	2016	1-0	Aug.2020	Renew for 2 nd Term
Patricia Hursh, Poplar, 1st VP	2017	1-1	Aug.2021	None
Audrey Hakkila, Poplar, 2nd VP	2015	2-1	Aug.2019	None
Lila Ronn, Lakeside, Secretary	2015 (Dec.)	2-1	Aug.2019	None
Matt Miller, Superior, Treasurer	2016	1-0	Aug.2020	Renew for 2 nd Term
Janine Seis, LN, AZ Asst. Treasurer	2015	2-1	Aug.2019	None
Dorothy Bergsten, Poplar	2014	2-0	Aug.2018	Replace
Shirley Kankas-Umolac, Lk. Nebagamon	2015	2-1	Aug.2019	None
Bruce Carlson, Superior	2017	1-1	Aug.2021	None
Jim Mattson, Poplar	2017	1-1	Aug.2021	None
Jody Swanson, Brule	2017	1-1	Aug.2021	None
Charlene Harms, Duluth, Alternate	2015	2-1	Aug.2019	None
Lois Pollari, LN, AZ Alternate	2015	2-1	Aug.2019	None
Jim Pellman, Maple, Emeritus	1998			

NEW BUSINESS:

ENCOURAGEMENT AND SYMPATHY: Sympathy to the family & friends of Alice Lahti, mother of OBHS Member Gordon Lahti. Sympathy to

the family & friends of Ailie M. Johnson, long-time Oulu area resident.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at the Brule Town Hall. Resident Peggy Trojan will present the program based on her experiences as a child living in Brule during WWII.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Friday, August 24th, following the OBHS Annual Meeting at the Maple Town Hall. At this brief meeting, we will be welcoming the new Board member(s) and electing and installing our Officers for the coming year.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Jim has heard that the owners of the house next door to the Monticello School are planning to put it up for sale.

Brian shared information about a Steam Train ride on August 25 for the public, a fundraiser sponsored by the Lake Superior Railroad Museum. August 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Maple Town Hall—Planning Committee Meeting

Ron H. asked if a determined amount of money earned at the Flea Market/Bazaar will be set aside to retire debt. This issue, which emphasizes the need for a long-term Budget Plan for MSMA noted in these Minutes under Correspondence/Communications, #1, will be addressed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Bruce moved for adjournment; Trish seconded the motion. President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lila Ronn, Secretary

FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps, tee shirts, sweat shirts, key chains, buttons and photos for sale. Early issue magnets are going for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our General fund. Windmill mugs, caps & tee shirt proceeds go into the Windmill Fund. **SEE OUR WEB SITE** (www.oldbrule.org) **FOR CURRENT SALE ITEMS AND PRICES.** Our Windmill vests are for sale for \$24.00. Popular has been our zipper front, hooded, *I've Been Through the Mill* sweatshirts and tee-shirts.

Our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books, *Brule River Country* (HC \$25.95, SC \$18.95) and *Pathways* and *Echoes*, Lakeside's *Sisu and Sauna*, (out for now) and *Amnicon From the Beginning*, are available for \$20.00 a copy + \$3.50 shipping. Wisconsin sales tax is included in all of our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items are also available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an OBHS member. Our booklet, *Davidson Windmill History* by Jim Pellman and Gene Davidson is available for \$8.00 (+\$2.00 shipping). Leigh P. & Richard Jerrard's new expanded and revised edition of *The Brule River of Wisconsin* is available at \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). See our calendar ad above. Jane Pearson Grimsrud has released small and large print versions of *Brule River Forest and Lake Superior Cloverland Anecdotes*. Both are available for \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). Poplar Hardware also has an inventory of most of our titles. Please check ahead for current availability. Also please contact our members for more info.

Unapproved MINUTES for the JULY BOARD MEETING

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

Wednesday, July 11, 6:00 p.m.

Residence of Jody and Doreen Swanson, Brule, WI

The evening began with a potluck Buffet. Many thanks to the Swansons for hosting & to all who brought food to share.

Attendance: Bruce Carlson, Audrey Hakkila, Trish Hursh, Dennis Hill, James Mattson, Matt Miller, Jim Pellman, Lila Ronn, and Jody Swanson. Visitors: Ron Hendrickson, Arlene Hill, Brian Paulson, and Doreen Swanson.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

MINUTES: James Mattson moved to approve the Minutes, published in the June 2018 issue of the *OBHS NEWS*, of the previous Board Meeting held at the Eskolin House on May 9, 2018. Following a second by Trish, these Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Matt Miller presented the following up-to-date report:

Current Balance	Notes
GENERAL FUND: \$7,969.11 (Cash on hand: \$21.44)	Last meeting: \$7,695.55 (+\$273.56) Income: Sauna donations ¹ --\$200; Depot donations ² --\$300; 2018 calendar ³ --\$18; Donations ³ --\$2; Dues--\$15 Expenses: Reimburse Windmill fund for insurance ⁴ --\$261.44 Outstanding debt: Depot fund--\$5,895; Sauna fund--\$450; Black Dog Demo ⁵ --\$225 Outstanding income: MSMA fund ⁵ --\$225; Alice Lahti memorial ⁶ --\$25; Sauna donation ⁷ --\$500; Test donations via PayPal ⁸ --\$26; Unspecified donation ⁹ --\$500
WINDMILL FUND: \$3,889.72	Last meeting: \$2,451.32 (\$1,438.40) Income: General fund for insurance ⁴ --\$261.44; Midsummer meals--\$1220; Midsummer retail sales--\$201.50; Food buyback--\$2; Midsummer donations--\$139; Lockbox--\$4.22; Donations ¹⁰ --\$30; Unknown ¹¹ --\$20; Expenses: Midsummer meal food & supplies--\$439.76 Outstanding income: Pavers ¹² --\$40
MSMA FUND: \$243.89	Last meeting: \$255.22 (-\$11.33) Expenses: Utilities--\$11.33 Outstanding income: Menard's in-store rebates--\$71.16 Outstanding debt: Repayment to CD--\$1,200.00; General fund ⁵ --\$225 for construction demo dumpster
CD: \$4,668.50	Last meeting: \$4,668.50 Outstanding income: MSMA fund repayment--\$1200.00
TOTAL: \$16,771.22	Last meeting: \$15,070.59 (\$1,700.63)

¹ Sauna donations: Gary Luoma of Superior--\$100; Four Star Construction of Superior--\$100

² Depot donations: Gary Luoma of Superior--\$100; Diane Smith Taylor of North Hollywood, CA--\$200

³ \$18 for 2 calendars and \$2 donation were deposited from cash on hand (noted in the June report footnote 5 and "Other items")

⁴ I mistakenly paid the annual property insurance from the Windmill Fund. The General Fund has now reimbursed the Windmill Fund.

⁵ The MSMA Fund would have been left with about \$30 if we paid for the construction debris dumpster from there, so we paid for it from the General Fund and have noted that the MSMA Fund owes a debt to the General Fund. We could vote to cancel that debt between accounts if we so chose.

⁶ From Paul Colby of Grand Rapids, MN

⁷ From Stack Brothers of Superior, WI

⁸ \$25 from Janine & me from Matt. We were testing the functionality of a PayPal donation page. Those funds should get transferred to our PayPal account around the 25th of each month. From there they can be transferred into the bank.

⁹ From Mark & Nancy Smith of Gordon, WI

¹⁰ From Shirley Umolac

¹¹ Honestly can't tell where this \$20 came from

¹² From James & Jeanne Perala of Turtle Lake, WI

Other items

1. I turned in the paperwork to create a bank account for the Blueberry Depot. I need to follow up on that and get the account number, transfer money from the General Fund, order checks, etc.
2. The General Fund balance minus the Depot & Sauna earmarks is \$1,824.11.
3. My records show that Finnworks gave \$108 dollar check in April for wholesale calendars, but I can't find it. It was not deposited.
4. August 1-5, 2018 is a sales tax holiday for certain items in Wisconsin. If we sell any clothing merchandise or items intended as school sales on those days we should record as wholesale rather than retail.: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/Individuals/SalesTaxHoliday.aspx>

Discussion of the above Treasurer's Report followed.

- Concerning the payment of \$225.00 that was made from the General Fund to Black Dog Demo for a dumpster at the MSMA site, Matt recommended that we cancel the tracking of that debt and pay it out of the General Fund as a permanent one-time transaction. James M. moved to accept the Treasurer's recommendation to forgive this particular MSMA debt and pay it out of the General Fund. Following a second by Audrey, the motion passed.
- ⁹Mark and Nancy Smith are friends of Ron Hendrickson. Their contribution is to be directed to the Sauna Project.
- Regarding "Other Items" #3, Jim and Matt will need to check this concern and will report back to the Board.

Audrey moved, second by Jody, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. State Farm Insurance premium notice for the MSMA site. This invoice of \$252.19 is for six-month coverage. Discussion followed about this invoice and how it was to be paid. Seeking bids from other insurers was suggested. However, because this bill is due in August, it needs to be paid now. **This situation stresses the need for a long-term budget for the MSMA Fund to be completed promptly for future Board review.** Dennis moved that this premium be paid out of the General Fund; second by Matt. The motion was approved.
2. Donation from Stack Brothers of Superior for \$500 for the OBHS Sauna Project.
3. Donation from Mark and Nancy Smith of Gordon via their payment agent in Chicago (for the Sauna Project).
4. Memorial donation in memory of Alice Lahti from Paul and Rebecca Colby, Grand Rapids, MN
5. Paver order from Jim & Jeanne Perala, w/ their names & Einard & Aino Perala. \$40 check enclosed. (Give to Trish).
6. Bill for \$51.60 from Forum Communication Company, Fargo ND for *Superior Telegram* ad run for Midsummer.
7. Letter from Breena Kroll, Scholarship Committee Chair/School Counselor, NWHS informing us that Callie Lier had been awarded the 2018 OBHS Annual Scholarship at the May 26, 2018 Commencement Ceremony. Callie plans to attend Columbus University in GA per her letter of thanks.
8. Dahlberg Light and June Power Bill for MSMA for \$11.33.
9. ECE Statement for Windmill (autopay)
10. Letter from Wisconsin Council for Local History announcing the 12th Annual Local History and Historic Preservation Conference at Osthoff Resort and Conference Center, Elkhart Lake, WI, October 26-27 and requesting an annual donation (\$25.00 suggested.) James M. moved to contribute \$25.00 to this organization. Second by Audrey. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARCHIVES: This committee is on hold until MSMA basement is available. Thanks to Earl (maintenance & transmitting of messages received) & Jon Winter (host), our website is active and OBHS continues to field archive requests and to accept material donations. Sale items on our website need review.

DAVIDSON WINDMILL/ ESKOLIN HOUSE/ TAYLOR'S BRIDGE: Summer tours will be held on the 3rd Saturday of July, August, and September.
Eskolin House: Brian plans to dig up and replace two shrubs that died over the winter. He's considering something that isn't very tall, possibly spiraea or dogwood. Ron has been shopping for a screen door (cost around \$51), but Dennis has a used screen door available which he says is in pretty good shape. Matt moved to pay \$75.00 for each lawn mowing done, effectively immediately. (This is the same compensation that was in effect some years back.) After a second by James M., the motion was approved.

Nature Trail: This project remains in the discussion and planning stage.

Sauna: Dennis has been in verbal contact with WI DOT personnel regarding use of state-owned land adjacent to our Windmill site which could be used for our new additions of the sauna and depot. He said that the matter has gone through a committee who has assigned a state surveyor to make a model, which will then go back to the committee on July 18th for consideration. He expects to hear from them shortly after and hopes that they're willing to sell this property. If so, then it will be evaluated for potential environmental concerns. Dennis did not expect there to be any.

If the sauna is moved to the south side of the Eskolin House, it might be possible to go with a treated wood floor suspended properly. Then it could be jacked up and moved if necessary.

Taylor's Bridge Cover: David Furtch is working on the structure design.

MONTICELLO SCHOOL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES (MSMA):

Restoration: The reroofing and wall interior restoration has been completed at a cost of \$5,500 for labor and \$4,400 for materials. Framing in the basement utility area and bathroom would be the next interior projects to be completed plus furnace purchase as funds are available. Dennis noted that it would be necessary to paint the soffits before winter (exposed pine wood). He said the building is house wrapped which should prevent problems during the upcoming winter. The building basement as last winter will need to be heated during the winter months, at least at a low rate.

The window project needs to be tackled. Obe Saari has offered to donate windows for our use which must be framed in and installed before the siding, which would be painted on one side, would be hung. Jim believes that he has enough used siding on site, at least for the public sides of the building.

It is critical that priorities be determined!

Fundraising: The Third Annual OBHS MSMA Flea Market/Bazaar will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at the Maple Town Hall. A Planning Meeting was held Tuesday, June 19th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Maple Town Hall; the next one is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14th, also at 2:00 p.m. at the Maple Town Hall. **We hope for good weather and good results!!** Please bring items to sell (no clothing, please) on Friday, the day before the sale.

MERCHANDISE: Mary Ann has been organizing prior year calendar packets for sale with a tentative price of \$3.00/calendar or \$30.00 for the 12-calendar packet. The website inventory needs updating. Twenty-six books need to be ordered from the General Fund to restore our book inventory. Jim noted that additional copies of *Sisu and Sauna* need to be ordered after a quick correction of the current text.

MEMBERSHIP: Opt Out of Newsletter Hardcopy Edition: Contact Jim P. if interested in an online electronic copy.

Membership Expiration Dates: Members are asked to verify their mailing address labels on *OBHS News* for correctness of membership expiration dates and contact Jim P. with any questions. Jim also asks members to keep up with their volunteer hours on the “blue sheets”.

Complimentary Memberships: Complimentary memberships, along with calendar business card ads are being given to the crews of the businesses who worked on the MSMA project: Olson Brothers, Kevin Mackie, Brian Raivala, John Tuura, & the Woodhulls, Mike, Troy, Ben, Will Pooler & Ian Trimmer.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: Thanks to Janine and Nancy Moreland for their creation and maintenance of this independent site with nearly 800 members.

BLUEBERRY DEPOT PROJECT: Location of this building also depends upon availability of State land at the Windmill site. We will not move the Depot until the foundation is ready. Decisions will need to be made whether to uncover some or all of the existing siding to expose the 119-year old original pine siding. The cost of five gallons of encapsulating paint would cost about \$400.00. Brian has contacted Menard’s hoping to obtain an in-kind donation, but hasn’t heard back from their headquarters. He is also seeking expert advice as to how to approach the siding issue. He plans to contact Woodhulls to look at building equipment needs.

Fundraising: Of the four grant applications, one from Northern Pacific was granted for \$5,000.00; two were declined; and Brian is still waiting to hear from Burlington Northern. Barbara Myers Hennigar, a 1953 NWHS graduate, has pledged significant support.

MIDSUMMEER: Scandinavian Dinner and Related Activities Report: The Midsummer Celebration was considered a great success. Thanks to Dan and Dorothy Bergsten for heading the Dinner preparation and to Mary Ann for coordinating the volunteers, all of whom deserve thanks for their efforts, including two bikers from Canada caught in the evening rain storms on preparation day. It is estimated that our profits were approximately \$1,400.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT: Matt will bring the Excel form up to date with last year’s numbers to work with. The Budget Committee will then be able to set a meeting time.

ANNUAL MEETING: LOCATION/SPEAKER: The 2018 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 24th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Maple Town Hall. The program will consist of a tour of the Monticello School which will begin at 5:00 p.m. Those interested in the tour should meet at the Monticello School Site at that time. No lunch will be served. Members need to bring their own bag lunch, eat at the local café, or eat at home if they are going directly to the meeting.

PREPARATIONS: We will need to replace only one member of our Board at the Annual Meeting, and no officer positions. The Nominating Committee has traditionally been those leaving the Board. Note: Only Dorothy Bergsten must be replaced unless there are end of 2 year term or other resignations.

2018 BOARD MEMBER ACTION LIST (See Board Minutes above for chart).

NEW BUSINESS:

ENCOURAGEMENT AND SYMPATHY: Sympathy to the family & friends of Alice Lahti, mother of OBHS member Gordon Lahti. Sympathy to the family & friends of Ailie M. Johnson, long-time Oulu area resident.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at the Brule Town Hall. Resident Peggy Trojan will present the program based on her experiences as a child living in Brule during WWII.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Friday, August 24th, following the OBHS Annual Meeting at the Maple Town Hall. At this brief meeting, we will be welcoming the new Board member(s) and electing and installing our Officers for the coming year.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Jim has heard that the owners of the house next door to the Monticello School are planning to put it up for sale.

Brian shared information about a Steam Train ride on August 25 for the public, a fundraiser sponsored by the Lake Superior RR Museum.

OBHS MSMA FLEAMARKET: August 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Maple Town Hall—Planning Committee Meeting

Ron H. asked if a determined amount of money earned at the Flea Market/Bazaar will be set aside to retire debt. This issue, which emphasizes the need for a long-term Budget Plan for MSMA noted in these Minutes under Correspondence/Communications, #1, will be addressed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Bruce moved to adjourn; Trish seconded. President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lila Ronn, Secretary

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2018 LOCAL HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE.

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, produced its eighth and final calendar in 2005 with pictures of Brule’s past. Proceeds from these annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, are being used for the publication of the history of Brule, to be completed very soon. Limited numbers are available. Please contact Janet Follis, P.O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820, at (715) 372-4948. Our 2018 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Earlier individual issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2015), 2016 at \$6.00, & 2017 at \$7.00 in limited numbers, & \$30 for a packet of all of the first 12 years. An e-mail address for more info: musketeer6@cheqnet.net, and by phone: 715-363-2549, or please check our Website at www.oldbrule.org. Shipping & handling: \$3.50 each, less for each for larger orders. We thank our donor businesses whose cards we display in the back of each calendar, and to those local businesses that are selling them for us each year, this year at Twin Gables & Round Up North in Brule, Poplar Hardware & the Poplar Village Market, now closed permanently, & Aroma Restaurant in Maple. Or check with Jim in Maple at 715-363-2549. We also seek more advertisers.

Area History: No. 123

This picture and text appear for the month of August in our 2018 OBHS Historical Calendar.

Noyes Camp on the Brule River, 1891. This amazing enlargement from a Truman Ingersoll photograph, he then a guest from St. Paul, Minnesota at the neighboring Winneboujou Lodge, shows the Noyes fishing and hunting camp with a group of 15 people, all from families of prominent Milwaukee professionals in the summer of 1891, visiting at the Noyes’ Camp, or lodge, on the Brule River, although Mrs. Noyes is not seen here: Dr. Arthur Holbrook and wife, their son Arthur T. Holbrook, and daughter Florence, attorney and Noyes’ colleague George C Markham and wife, daughter Susie Markham and son George F. Markham. An associate in law with Judge Noyes in Milwaukee was also present, Mr. Alfred H. Bright, (white shirt in back center) a vice president and general solicitor of the Milwaukee and Northern Railroad, a firm



Judge Noyes would also serve as an attorney and secretary. The Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railroad had not yet been built, which meant the nearest rail connection was on the Northern Pacific Railroad where it crossed the Brule River, just as the village site of Brule was being platted. Travel for the owner and guests was from Milwaukee on the Wisconsin Central Railroad to Ashland where they boarded the NP. The last three miles was by trail near the Brule River on foot. Judge Noyes is far left and Dr. Holbrook and his wife are far right. The first Old-Brule Finnish log houses had just been built. *Photo courtesy of the Gitche Gumeew Camping Club.*

~ NOTICES ~

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2019 begins at our coming Annual Meeting & continues into 2019. Please fill in your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets for 2017-2018 for turn in now. The new hour tally runs from Aug.1 (2018) to July 31, 2019. Please contact our Secretary or Jim for a new Blue Sheet or see our website for forms. **Lost & Found: Thin vehicle key with tag "Hillman" found Sunday, 7-22-18 at Windmill. Contact Mary Ann.**

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: Nice letter from 2018 OBHS Scholarship winner Callie Lier, who will be attending Columbus Univ. in Georgia.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY: Encouragement to Velma Doby who is now in assisted care in the Twin Cities. Sympathy to family & friends of the many, listed here, whom we have lost recently:

Alice (Hietala) Lahti, 80, Maple, who died June 4, 2018 at St. Luke's Hospice in Duluth, was born in 1938 in Superior, survived by daughter Gayann (Rick) Sandoval, Maple, son, OBHS Member, Gordon (Betty) Lahti, CA; grandchildren, Nicole (Kevin) Frey, Skokie, IL, Richard Sandoval, Mesa, AZ, Robert Sandoval, Crystal Lake, IL, Jonathan Lahti, Concord, CA, Alyssa Lahti, Concord, CA Jeremiah (Aimee) Glonek, Lake Nebagamon, Joshua (Dana) Glonek, Ft. Belvoir, VA and Sarah (Chris Scribner) Glonek, Detroit, and great-grandchildren and special friend Ernie Saari, was preceded in death by her husband John Lahti.

Jack K. Heino 55, Shakopee, who passed away July 13th 2018 in Shakopee, preceded in death by father Kenneth Heino, survived by his children Emily, Nathan, and Nicholas Heino, grandson Sterling, and his mother Bonnie Heino.

DuWayne R. Savage, 88, Wentworth who died July 31, 2018 at home, born in 1930, for whom there will be a celebration of his life at Lakeside Baptist Church on August 25.

Rose M. (Kienzle) Snyder, 73, Lake Nebagamon, who died July 30, 2018 at St. Luke's Hospice after a battle with cancer, born in 1945 in West Allis, WI to Nicholas and Rose Mary (Aker) Kienzle, moved to a farm in Port Wing & then Superior, graduating from Cathedral School in 1963, married Chester Snyder in 1963, retired as housekeeper at St. Francis Nursing Home in 2008 spending winter months in Yuma, AZ, survived by Chet; daughters, Roberta "Bobbi" Plachta, Poplar & Anne Dooley, Brule; four grandchildren, two sisters, two brothers, preceded in death by her parents

Edward J. Melkon, 96, Superior, who died July 22, 2018, at Villa Marina Health & Rehab, born in 1921, youngest child of John & Sophia Melkon of Perth Amboy, NJ, attended schools in NJ, WI, & MN, received a BA in philosophy from St. John's U. in Collegeville, MN, did post-graduate work in theology at St. John's, married to Mary Higgins of Superior in 1957 by her late brother, Fr. Joseph Higgins, worked for the Duluth Winnipeg & Pacific RR in accounting, survived by many nephews, nieces & grandnieces, among them 3 Pellmans in Two Harbors, with Mary passing in 2016.

JoAnne Marie (Northrup) Fuller, 75, Superior, Maple, Brule, who died July 6, 2018 at Middle River Health & Rehab, born in 1943 in Rockford, IL daughter of Oliver "Clarence" & Gertrude (Hubbard) Northrup, married Theodore Fuller there in 1961, survived by Frank Fuller of Fairbury, IL, Brad (Theresa) Fuller of Maple, Trudy (Rick) Anderson of Superior, Matthew (Cassandra) Fuller of Brule, 9 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren.

Martha "Marty" H. (Khalar) O'Brien, 89, Town of Highland, who passed away July 3, 2018, born in the Town of Highland in 1928 to William and Patricia Khalar, lived a full, independent life, beginning when she moved to Cicero, IL at 15 to work in a factory there during WWII, where she met her husband Al who she married in 1945, moving back to her hometown 1949, establishing the famous Gopher Hole Lounge and had 10 children.

Leslie "Les" E. Buchanan, 88, Superior, who died July 12, 2018, at Superior Rehabilitation Center, born in Superior in 1930, son of Iver O. & Taimi Buchanan, married Jean Pellman in 1957, owner & operator of Superior Redi-Mix for 20 years, Jean & daughter Leslie Jean surviving.

Ailie M. (Koski) Johnson, 97, Oulu, a singer who died July 7, 2018 at Villa Marina Health & Rehab Center in Superior, born in 1920 in Waino, WI to Edward and Martha (Mattson) Koski, married late singer & accordion musician Arne "Walt" Johnson, and they made beautiful Finnish music together for generations, much recorded, now survived by daughter, Diana (Gary) Tyykila, Brule; son, Randy (Julie) Johnson, Iron River; ten grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren & three great great-grandchildren; brother, Frank "Fran" Koski, Brule, preceded in death by "Walt" and sons, Larry and Ronald "Cook".

Charles "Charlie" Larson, 77, Iron River, who passed away July 7, 2018 due to congestive heart failure at St. Luke's Medical Center in Duluth, born in New Brighton, MN in 1940 to John and Ruth Larson, served in the US Army beginning in 1959, & worked at Baillie Oil & Great Lakes Storage, eventually completing 37 years of Army Reserve Medical Co. service, married Marjorie, in 1962 & settled in Poplar, performing in their band called "Nite Life" for many years, she passing in 2011, served on Iron River's Town Board as both supervisor and chairman, lately wintered in Florida, survived by son, John (JoDee) Larson & daughter Jaydee (Warren) Beede, Iron River, and many grandchildren & great grandchildren, special friend Carolyn Johnson, sister June, brother John, and sister Betty Johnson of Poplar, preceded in death by his parents and a son.

Mary (Aschenbauer) Eskolin, 97, Superior, who passed away June 30, 2018 in Coon Rapids, MN, born to Frank and Louise Aschenbauer, trained in nursing at Northland College and St. Scholastica, married George Eskolin of Maple in 1957 who became a Great Lakes Captain, the family of whom gives the Eskolin House by the Windmill its name, survived by their son, James (Pam) Eskolin; & daughter, Gayla (Joe) Ceccacci, five grandchildren and their great-grandchildren. Mary was very active in her church and Jim and Pam and Mary have been members of OBHS for several years.

Beatrice "Betty" E. (Rowe) Yadon Hofstedt, 90, Superior, who died June 28, at Solvay Hospice House in Duluth, born in 1927 in Lake Nebagamon to William & Marjorie (Jondreau) Rowe, married Roscoe Yadon who died and then married widower Raymond Hofstedt in 1970 creating a large blended family, with Ray dying in 1995, survived by three daughters, Carol Dubois, Roseburg, OR, Denise Finley, Eden Prairie and Sheila (Mario Pino) Hofstedt and two sons, Larry (LaDonna) Yadon, and Michael Hofstedt, 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Blanche Jacobson, Poplar, WI, Donna Brevig and Dorothy (Paul) Wedan, both of Superior, WI and Grace (Wally) Hecker, Sheboygan, WI; and one brother, Jim (Janet) Rowe, Solon Springs, preceded in death by her husbands, infant daughter Arlane, sisters, Clara Smith and Frances Harvey and children, Nancy Homan and Bruce Hofstedt.

Susan Rita Murphy Rogge, 71, Poplar, who died June 13, 2018 in her home, born in 1946.

Janice "Jan" J. (Weyandt) Davidowski, 77, Brule, who died June 19, 2018 at the Solvay Hospice House in Duluth, born in 1940 in Superior to Alfred & Lucille (Lyons) Weyandt, graduated from Northwestern High School in 1958, worked for the Superior School District for over twenty years, married Joseph "Joe" Davidowski in 1959 in Iron River, survived by her husband, Joseph "Joe"; two sons, Jay (Brenda) Davidowski, and Joel (Nicola) Davidowski & families.

Wanieta Faye Khalar, 87, Falls of Rough, KY, who died on June 9, 2018, born in 1931 in Ladysmith, preceded in death by her husband Phillip Thomas Khalar & survived by their children, David (Frances) Khalar & Colleen (Larry) Summers, burial in Highland,.

And who have we missed or forgotten? May they all rest in peace.

RETURN ADDRESS:**OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

4808 S. County Road F, Post Office Box 24
Maple, WI 54854

All interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society are encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may also contact any member or the Board at the return address above, or our Treasurer, Matt Miller, at the same address. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable after each Annual Meeting in August. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

CALENDAR.

August 18. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Third Saturday Summer Davidson Windmill Tours.

August 24, Friday. Prep Day at Maple Town Hall for Bazaar Flea Market. Site marking, inside tables. Signs, Canopy.
5:00-6:00 p.m. Pre-Annual Meeting tour of Monticello School & Museum Archives.

August 24, Friday, 6:00 p.m. Maple Town Hall. OBHS Annual Meeting, beginning with bag lunch, then Business Meeting, then Board Meeting to welcome & install new Board Members follows, including Board Officer Elections.

August 25, Saturday, 7:00 a.m. Maple Town Hall. Vendors begin to arrive and set-up for Third Annual OBHS MSMA FLEA MARKET Fund Raiser. Doors open 9:00 a.m. & close at 4:00 p.m. Kitchen & OBHS items. Clean Up follows.

September 3, Monday. Labor Day.

September 12, Wednesday. OBHS Board Meeting.

September 15, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Third Saturday Summer Davidson Windmill Tours.

September 18, Tuesday, Yom Kippur. Submissions for the October OBHS News issue are due.

September 22, Saturday. Autumn Begins.

October 8, Monday. Columbus Day.

October 10, Wednesday. OBHS General Meeting. Brule Town Hall. Peggy Trojan: Life in Brule during WW II.

October 31, Wednesday. Halloween.

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY WEB SITE ON LINE

The Website Committee has been maintaining our Web site (www.oldbrule.org). **Earl Granroth** continues to make regular updates, and **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior** is our Web host at no charge to us.

Thanks again to Earl G. and Jon W.