

OVIS Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2018

Those in attendance were: Brian Smith, Dianna Runyons, Ruth Titus, K. Issacs, Jim Wiesner, Pamela Kelsch, Dave Ennis, Sue White, Todd Guarino, Connie Rieben, Dennis Green, and Tim Droncheff.

Brian called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock at the hall. Everyone was given an opportunity to introduce themselves.

Brian indicated the January minutes were distributed by email. The minutes were approved.

Jim reviewed the financial statement for the month highlighting expenditures and revenues. He noted that OVIS membership including PayPal enrollments was 185. There are also 25 sponsors. Jim indicated the current balance in the account is \$15,308.15.

Under the Village Hall agenda item, Dennis said there is one rental for March.

Brian then recognized Tim Droncheff, who was interested in helping OVIS out with the air conditioning with respect to any improvements that could be made. Brian explained that OVIS for the last couple of months is keeping the air-conditioning unit on all the time with a high setting to control the hall atmosphere to protect the old (1908) piano and other elements of the hall. Consideration was also discussed for when large groups are in the hall. Tim talked about adding dehumidifier units mounted within the hall, but the group felt this would be an intrusion with respect to the historical nature of the hall. After much discussion it was concluded the best direction was to consider an upgrade of the existing plant with the inclusion of a second stage dehumidifier since this would not affect the interior ambience of the hall. Tim said he would work up some numbers on that for the next meeting.

Brian indicated that there was a need for a 10-foot ladder, so that Dennis could change the air conditioning filters that are accessed from the ceiling. Dennis indicated that the ladder he purchased was a donation to OVIS.

Brian then reviewed the newsletter situation. He said he was contacted by Full Circle the people that publish the OVIS newsletter, and they were discontinuing their business. Brian said that, therefore, we need to consider other ways to continue to publish a newsletter as hardcopy and also to consider an electronic version which could be simpler. Jim had done some comprehensive research with costs from a number of publishing options with costs ranging from several hundred dollars to several thousand dollars. After much discussion it was agreed that OVIS would change gears and begin publishing an electronic version of the newsletter to the membership with the added provision that a set of printed 100 flats (non-mailed newsletters) would be produced for distribution as a marketing outreach.

Brian then brought up the golf cart parade. He indicated that last Fall a question had been raised as to whether to have the holiday parade on Saturday versus Sunday. This question had been raised by Julie who had talked to Bobbie Painter who runs the Pig. At the time, Brian indicated it was too late to have that conversation, since the permits had been obtained for the parade that year, but it would be discussed by OVIS after the December event. Brian indicated in the following January meeting that the best approach would be to conduct a survey in the community and then use that information in the decision-making process. Jim agreed to see how that can be done through the OVIS website. Brian continued to say that he had contact with Laurel Flowers, who co-operates Molly's, and she was concerned about the impact of a change to Saturday would have on her restaurant. Brian went on to say that the parade had been on Sunday since its initiation, but people do raise the question as to why this is on Sunday and not on Saturday. With that said, Brian went on to say that OVIS really needs some community input before making a decision, and that a survey would be useful in that respect. He then turned it over to Jim, who said that the survey could be done on the website at no added cost to OVIS. After much conversation the group agreed that OVIS would still need to make a decision, since it is the parade sponsor, but that the survey would be useful with that decision process. It was therefore agreed that a survey with one question would be conducted allowing several weeks for a response to make sure there was the most community participation possible.

Brian then turned to other events. Todd indicated that Stilt House Brewery was interested in participating in the community cleanup by offering a discount coupon to those that participated. Dave who serves as a co-chairman of the cleanup liked the idea and will get with Bob and Todd on following through on this. It was noted that there are two cleanups a year with the next one being in May.

Dave also brought up a possible new program "Oaks for Ozona". He said there is someone in the community who was concerned about the Ozona tree canopy with a focus on oak trees noting that there are many trees that are mature and dying and others that have been removed. With that said this individual is willing to fund the planting of oak trees on people's property. The group thought this was a good idea and encouraged Dave to pursue it with the understanding there would be a screening process by OVIS or another group to ensure that the requests were reasonable and that the trees are well-placed.

Brian then noted that there was a Board of Adjustment item that the group should discuss. He said at the north end of Orange Street in Ozona on the west side there is a proposal for side setback variances. Dennis briefly reviewed the proposal. Brian noted these are large lots and therefore variances have a different impact than in the balance of Ozona. Pamela indicated that she was a neighbor to this proposal. Based upon discussion the group took action to authorize Brian to send a letter that OVIS does not oppose the variances but does encourage that this be worked out on an agreeable basis between the neighbors.

A question was then raised about a houseboat that is just south of the Shore Drive bridge. It was noted that this boat had been damaged during the storm last September, and that debris from the boat is beginning to block the channel that provides access to the bridge and to boaters in the community north of the bridge. Brian indicated that this sounds like something the County would be concerned about and would check into.

Another question was raised with respect to Speckled Trout and the fact that the marina with its improvements was required to do a sidewalk

segment somewhere in the community instead of a sidewalk on their immediate property. Brian said he would find out the status on that.

Sue asked about the downed tree in the Ozona Preserve, which has taken out part of the front fence. Brian indicated that this did raise the question of the status of the Preserve and volunteer access. He said that Paul Cozzie would be the contact since he is in charge of that program. Sue said she would contact him.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.