



Town of Ontario Historical &  
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**Draft**  
**12/11/23**

Minutes of the General Meeting  
Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, 6:00 PM at the UM Church

The following 24 members and guests were present: Joyce Lyke, Vera & Jim Graves, Nancy Haak, Duke & Mabel Risley, Marilyn Larson, Jean Johnson, Nancy Koll, Bernie Warren, Rich & Bonnie Denison, Philip & Chris McTigue, Jan Kunzer, Alayna DiSanto, Bob Davis, Gene and Liz Bavis and Dale C. Topping

Mrs Lyke called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer.

The Guest speaker Dale C. Topping was introduced by Joyce Lyke. He provided an interesting presentation of the Topping Ladder Company and his three generations of Topping that ran the company in Marion, NY. He presented salesman models of several items from the mid 1800's (A fruit Dehydrator, Fence Gates, Washing machine and a full scale Fruit Corer).

**Approval of past minutes:**

The printed minutes for the Sept. 27, 2023 General Meeting were available and after asking if there were any questions, a **MOTION** was made "To accept the minutes of the Sept. 27, 2023 General Meeting as presented" by Nancy Haak and seconded by Marilyn Larson. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**Treasurers Reports:**

Nancy Haak reviewed the summary treasurer's report of October. 2023. After a short question period and discussion a **MOTION** was made "To accept the report of the October 2023 as presented" by Duke Risley and seconded by Vera Graves. The motion was carried by voice vote

**Old Business:**

**Bicentennial:** Joyce Lyke thanked Gene Bavis and Rosa Fox and all the committee members for there fantastic job..

**Membership:** Vera Graves gave a report of the membership numbers for the year and a list of the members who have past during the last several months.

**Grant Committee:** Vera Graves reported the Hoffman fund did not have funds this year for grants, Gene Bavis mentioned the fund provides for operating the Hoffman Museum and generally grants excess funds if any. She stated other grants are being applied for by Phil McTigue, he stated most of the ones he is looking have filing deadlines in future months.

**Maintenance:** Jim Coddling briefed us on what activities were accomplished so far this year, the biggest being the school house brick work. He is looking into removing the wallpaper from the school house and repainting the walls. Also Bill Slocum is looking into removing some of the dead trees at the museum grounds.

**Gift Shop:** Pat Coddling reported a very good year at the gift shop, sales of the Bicentennial Book netted \$1300.00. Total was \$2102, \$142 in taxes and \$19 in fees.

**School Tours:** Joyce Lyke provided review. We had to cut this year's school tours off early because of a Covid outbreak. Several schools have already scheduled next spring. We were contacted by Spry Middle School about using the Museum for a Civil War day, but have heard nothing further from them, they were trying to find a day we were not already doing tours. We have had students from Wayne Central and Living Word schools working with the Museum this summer.

**Weekend Tours:** Joyce Lyke provided a review. We held a Sunday "Learn about being a docent day" this summer, Patrice Metzger and Joyce took 3 or 4 potential docents to see what is involved. We plan to do something similar next year.

**Programs:** Joyce Lyke previewed a barn Sign program she attended, no decision was made..

**Collections:** Jim Graves had brought over several new acquisitions a coffee mill (early 1900's), a candlestick telephone with dial (about 1920) and a stereo viewer and photo cards (about 1900) were displayed for the members. He reported we had acquired 41 items for the collection this year and only had to de-access one item a small coffee grinder from the Ore Miner house due to damage, but received a replacement a couple of weeks later. The primary donors this year were Arlene Michealsen, Nancy Cleveland, Bonnie Doyle and Donna Ludington we thank them for their gifts.

#### **New Business:**

**Information Sharing:** Joyce mentioned the following:

- Barn Sale is scheduled for May 9,10,11. We will need help not only the days of the sale and set up/ take down but for pricing during the weeks before the sale.
- Gene Bavis shared information about Wayne Historians Organization (WHO), and reminded us that all Historical Societies can send representatives to their meetings, they are on Facebook. The meetings are sponsored every other month by a different Historical Society.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no other business to discuss, a MOTION was made to "adjourn the meeting" by Jim Graves and seconded by Marilyn Larson. The motion carried by voice vote at 8:25pm

#### **Reminders**

The next meeting is a Board meeting on Jan. 20, 2024 (9:00 am) at the Brick Church.  
The next General meeting in May 2024, date to be announced

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Graves, Secretary

- Handouts from the meeting are available as an attachment to the approved minutes in the binder of annual minutes.
- Past years binders are in the Warner House File Room at the Museum and are available for viewing upon request. The current year is maintained by the Society Secretary.