

OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

July 2011

Calendar

July 21, 2011

General Meeting

Mahaffie Heritage Center

7:30 p.m.

August 8, 2011

OHS Board Meeting

Mahaffie Heritage Center

7:00 p.m.

September 15, 2011

General Meeting

Mahaffie Heritage Center

7:30 p.m.

October 10, 2011

OHS Board Meeting

Mahaffie Heritage Center

7:00 p.m.

November 17, 2011

General Meeting

Potluck and Trash or Treasure

6:30 p.m.

December 3, 2011

Holiday Homes Tour

December 12, 2011

OHS Board Meeting

Mahaffie Heritage Center

7:00 p.m.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please contact Maureen Donegan at modoneg@hotmail.com.



Photos and Film

We'll put you to work, but we'll also entertain you at our July general meeting! Join us on Thursday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mahaffie Heritage Center. Greg Sheffer will present his newest film in the *Olathe - The City Beautiful* film series. The film tells the story of the Mahaffie family, focusing on Lucinda Mahaffie. After the film, we are going to continue the photograph project we started last year of identifying people, places, and events of our extensive photograph collection. Under the direction of our historian, Anne Seitz, we will also make sure that each photo is placed in its own individual archival protective sleeve. These efforts will help us to be ready to work on a potential "Images of America" book about Olathe. You might have seen similar books about other area communities available at your local booksellers.



James B. (Beatty) and Lucinda Mahaffie

The Mahaffies operated a stagecoach stop for the Barlow and Sanderson Stagecoach Line. In 1867, Lucinda, her daughters, and hired helpers might have served as many as 50 to 100 meals a day. While the passengers ate, the incoming teams of horses were switched for fresh animals.

Looking for a special gift for someone? Stop by the gift shop at the Heritage Center and check out some of the special collectible items available from the Olathe Historical Society, including pewter commemorative plates, Homes Tour mugs, and several books on various aspects of the history of Olathe.



OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING
HERITAGE CENTER

June 13, 2011

ATTENDING: JAYNE JONES, ANN JOHNSON, BOB COURTNEY, MAUREEN DONEGAN, ANNE SEITZ, MARGARET ENDECOTT, JOHN ANDRADE, SUSIE NIGHTENGALE, MARY COCHRAN, VICKIE HOLDMAN

MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 11th, 2011 Board Meeting were read and approved as corrected.

FINANCIAL

The Financial Report was read and approved. It was motioned and approved that a separate Money Market Account be established for holding the funds for the Sheffer Film Series. Notice of yearly Membership dues will be noted in the Newsletter. Membership forms are available at the Heritage Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Items for donation to the Olathe Historical Society may be left in the Research Room at the Heritage Center. Index cards on the table need to include the name, address and phone number of the giver.

MAHAFFIE CROQUET TOURNAMENT – JUNE 4TH

Tim Talbott, Mahaffie Farm and Stagecoach Stop site manager, attended the meeting to thank the Olathe Historical Society for their donation and participation in the “Sunflower Wickets”.

Next Year the tournament is hoping to be scheduled for the 1st Saturday and perhaps Friday in May.

Tim also asked the Board for their approval of a sign that will be placed in front of the Heritage Center showing “Olathe Historical Society” having an interest in this site. All were in agreement.

HOUSE TOUR – DECEMBER 3RD, 2011

104 East Elm is committed for the 2011 Homes Tour. An address of 509 South Chestnut is a

possibility and confirmation will be obtained. Several other homes are possibilities and if you would like to volunteer or nominate a home please contact Bob Courtney at (913) 764-2494.

An artist for the Tour “mug” will be chosen and House coordinators are needed. If you would like to help with the 2011 Homes Tour please contact Bob at the number given above or one of our members.

“OLATHE – THE CITY BEAUTIFUL” FILM SERIES

Packaging the first 4 films on 1 disc for Old Settlers - \$2,000.00 for 1,000 copies was approved. There are many venues interested in obtaining copies of these films.

A suggestion was made that a “subtitle” be added to the disc. The suggestions given were “An Historic View” or “Windows of History” Volume 1. More discussion and a final determination will be made at a future meeting.

OLD SETTLERS AND THE OLATHE SCHOOL DISTRICT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The parade will be rerouted this year beginning 1 block South at the intersection of Kansas and Cedar Streets. It will then go 1 block East to Cherry then 1 block North on Cherry to Loula from there following it's normal route. The rides will be moved 1 block south to compensate for construction on the jail which is located at the Southwest corner of Santa Fe and Kansas Ave.

OHS WEBSITE – “GO DADDY”

Vickie Holdman volunteered to investigate the whereabouts of the Olathe Historical Society information previously found at OlatheHistoricalSociety.com. The board contracted with the “Go Daddy” company to service our website but information could not be found as of the date of the Board Meeting.

JOHNSON COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST FUND GRANT – “I’VE PAID THE BILL”, “QUANTRILL’S RAID ON OLATHE”,

“SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF” AND “WALNUT GROVE ONE ROOM SCHOOL”

Bob Courtney and Maureen Donegan attended several meetings and gave much information to boards granting funds for the above mentioned films, kiosks, preservation of documents and restoration of buildings to further the work of saving and giving information on the history of our city.

NEW BUSINESS

FUTURE PLANNING: 3 -5 YEAR PLAN

The question was presented: What, Where, How, do you envision the Olathe Historical Society be viewed in our city or going in what direction? Discussion was made with many suggestions given and a Business Plan will be made at a future meeting.

PROMOTIONAL BUDGETING

Promotional flyers for advertisement and information are needed for the Heritage Center, the Film Series, Homes Tour, and other activities that the Olathe Historical Society involves itself in. It was moved, seconded and approved that \$4,000.00 be set aside for this effort.

RESEARCH ROOM STAFF

Much information is already available in the Research Room and much more can be made available with work. We presently have a volunteer who is in the process of cataloguing our inventory of collections and papers. The board would like to find an intern with skills in this area. Having staff available for questions and research is a goal.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES – GIFT SHOP ITEMS, FILM SERIES, PARTNERSHIPS

Suggestions for future Books, films, and other items were given. The Board is interested in many of these. Discussion and determinations will be made at future meetings.

NEW BOOK OPPORTUNITY - “IMAGES OF AMERICA – OLATHE”

The Olathe Historical Society has been asked to become involved with preparing pictures and written material for the future publishing of a book on Olathe. Interest was shown and a determination will be made at a future meeting.

FAMOUS OLATHEAN CARDS

The picture of famous Olatheans of history are on one side and information of their fame is written on the back side. These can be sold in packets or as a single card. The Board was shown samples and all were in agreement that this is an item of interest.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

The July Meeting will focus on the Bob Enright collection of pictures and if available the new “Mahaffie Family” film.

A presentation of the story of Octave Chanute is planned for an upcoming meeting. The dates need to be confirmed with the party giving the program.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING – JULY 21,
7:30PM**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING – HERITAGE
CENTER – AUGUST 8TH, 7:00PM**

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Olathe Historical Society Dues

In the past, your newsletter mailing label would indicate when your historical society dues came up for renewal. With so many now receiving their newsletter by email, this is a reminder that membership starts on March 1st of each year. Regular memberships are \$10/year, Sustaining memberships are \$25/year, and Lifetime memberships are \$100. Dues can be mailed to the Olathe Historical Society, Attn: Treasurer, 1200 Kansas City Rd., Olathe, KS 66061 or you can bring them with you to our next general meeting on July 21st!

Olathe Historical Society

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