



OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

July 2017

Olathe: The City Beautiful New Film Premiere

Calendar

July 20, 2017
OHS General Meeting
Program: Film Premiere
Heritage Center
7 p.m.

August 17, 2017
OHS Board meeting
Heritage Center
5:00 p.m.

If you plan to attend the meeting and are in need of a deaf interpreter, please contact Bob Courtney by email at bobandlilacourtney@att.net at least 48 hours in advance.

The latest films in the *Olathe: The City Beautiful* film series will premiere at the July 20, 2017, general meeting. The program will begin at 7 p.m. at the Heritage Center. The next two films in the series focus on the impact of transportation over time in Olathe. The films address the changes as the area moved from the use of trails to railroads to roads and highway systems.

Stagecoach lines originally passed along the Santa Fe Trail and through the Mahaffie Stagecoach stop in the early 1860s. But by the end of that decade, J.B. Mahaffie was already investing in the railroads that would replace the stagecoach lines. While the trains still are a dominant feature in the Olathe landscape, the interurban streetcar lines that were active in the early 20th century were replaced by highways and automobiles by the middle of the century. We hope you can join us to learn more about the history of transportation in Olathe.

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Train at Hodges Lumber Yard, c. 1904

Image courtesy of the Johnson County Museum

Olathe Historical Society Board
MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2017

Margaret Endecott, Bob Courtney, Ann Johnson, Jane Jones, Mary Cochran, Ken Roberts, Max Beets, Karen Sutton Beets, Anne Seitz, Mary Jo O'Brien, Louise Welborn,

Louise Welborn, Senior Philanthropic Advisor of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation/Greater Horizons organization, gave an interesting and informative presentation about their mission of providing charitable giving services to a variety of organizations and individuals. One-third of the members of the foundation are small groups like OHS, who put their reserve funds here to take advantage of the excellent return on the funds as well as other benefits, such as the stable reputation of the Foundation. Funds are passively invested in Vanguard mutual funds. Promotional materials are attached to the minutes.

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Anne Seitz introduced her son to the members. He was present to help Anne with moving some heavy boxes. Anne and Margaret visited the Gardner Museum, and donated some materials from the June Miller collection to the museum. Items taken to Gold River Auction brought in \$86.80. An antique camera was taken to an expert for identification and appraisal. It dates from 1907 to 1917, and is valued at \$150 - \$200. There was no charge for the appraisal. Several old Bibles were examined. One will be donated to the Quayle Bible Collection at Baker University. The others did not seem to have value to Olathe history, and thus should be sold or donated. Karen moved we donate the item to Baker. Ann seconded. Motion carried. Progress is being made on getting dividers installed in the basement storage area.

FINANCIALS

Due to the impending surgery of Treasurer Vicki Holdman, a financial report was not given. A receipt was given for the \$86.80 earned at Gold River Auction. Ten DVDs containing the "Flying Jayhawks" story of ONAS was put on loan at the Gardner Museum. Should they sell, the money will be paid to OHS.

CORRESPONDENCE (none)

OLD BUSINESS

One or more of the films from the next DVD to be released will be shown at the July OHS general meeting on July 20 at the Heritage center. Vol. VI will be available before Old Settlers. There are five of the film series under production

Special thank yous were expressed to Ann Johnson and Karen Sutton Beets for their work on the Novel Tea table at the annual Friends of the Library event, and the excellent new display in the display case. Next year's theme for the Friends event will be about Harvey House restaurants. An Olathe firm supplied all the meat for the restaurants. The display case will remain up through Old Settlers. The need for backing in the display case was discussed.

Other reports were given on the Sunflower Wickets croquet tournament and the purchase of the new 40" television were given.

Many program ideas are continuing to develop.

NEW BUSINESS

Houses for the December House Tour were discussed.

Bob Courtney presented important information about the Birds Eye view of Olathe that hangs in the Olathe Public Library and an additional image that shows more detail that he purchased locally. This "find" and deeper research expands the primary resource information from this priceless view of Olathe in the nineteenth century. He also explained the way the image was made.

An item documenting the existence of an Olathe Stamp Club was examined.

A photo of a building at the corner of Park and Mahaffie was examined. Mary Cochran was able to supply good information about it.

The issue of the cost of mailing the newsletter was discussed.

The next board meeting will occur on August 17, 5:00 p.m., in the Heritage Center.