

OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

March 2011

Calendar

March 10, 2011
OHS General Meeting
Film Showing
Marshall Ensor

By
Greg Sheffer
Annual Board Elections
7:30 p.m.
Heritage Center at Mahaffie



April 11, 2011
OHS Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Heritage Center at Mahaffie

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March General Meeting

We've rescheduled our January program! Join us on March 10, 2011 for popcorn and pop as we watch Greg Sheffer's latest production, a film on Olathe's Marshall Ensor. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Mahaffie Heritage Center. Sheffer will be there to share information about the process of making this film.

Two other items on our agenda for the March meeting include the election of board officers and members and revision of the Olathe Historical Society Bylaws. The following have been selected by the Nominating Committee: President: Bob Courtney, 2nd Vice President: Jayne Jones, Treasurer: Vickie Holdman and Board Members: Mary Cochran, Maureen Donegan, Maron Moore. Additional nominations for these positions will also be accepted at the general meeting.

John P. St. John High School Update

The Olathe Public School District has received a bid for purchase from Net Giver, a development, management, and consulting firm, for the historic John P. St. John High School building in downtown Olathe. Net Giver's plan is for historic preservation and adaptive reuse of the 1926 Olathe High School located at 311 E. Park. Features of the project include:

- 49 age restricted apartments (55+)
- Partners -JOCO Parks and Recreation, Meals on Wheels, etc.
- Amenities -Solar/wind power, organic gardens, computer lab, exercise room, crafts room, community room
- Financed with Historic Tax Credits (non-competitive) and LIHTC Tax Credits (competitive with Kansas Housing Resources Commission)

Net Giver presented the project to the Olathe Historic Preservation Board on February 17th and requested letters of support for the project to the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation for financing consideration. Decisions on financing will be made in the next few weeks, so letters or emails of support are needed in the next couple of weeks. The Olathe Historic Preservation Board supports the projects as contributing to the revitalization of downtown Olathe, providing much need affordable senior housing, continuing partnerships with county programs, and continuing access for the community to the historic auditorium. Letters of support should discuss importance of the project for downtown, historic preservation, and community amenity. If you would like to provide a letter of support, please address them to:

Mr. Fred Bentley
Kansas Housing Resources Corporation
611 South Kansas Avenue, Suite 300
Topeka, Kansas 66603-3803
fbentley@kshousingcorp.org Phone: (785) 296-3724

OLATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING
HERITAGE CENTER
FEBRUARY 7, 2011

ATTENDING: JAYNE JONES, VICKI
HOLDMAN, BOB COURTNEY, MAUREEN
DONEGAN, ANNE SEITZ, LISA KARSTETTER,
MARGARET ENDECOTT, JOHN ANDRADE

MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 13th, 2010 Board Meeting were read and approved.

FINANCIAL:

The Financial statement was read and approved. A large portion of this money is committed for future Exhibits in the Heritage Center as well as the Film Series. Three films for the Exhibit room and the Lucinda Mahaffie Film have been purchased.

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.

Suggested amendments to the BY-LAWS were made and approved at the Board Meeting and will be printed in this newsletter. A vote will

be taken to confirm the amendments at our March general meeting to be held Thursday evening, March 10th, 7:30pm at the Heritage Center.

Election of Officers and Board Members for those whose terms have expired will be held at the March general meeting. Nominations are as follows:

- President: Bob Courtney
- 2nd Vice President: Jayne Jones
- Treasurer: Vickie Holdman
- Board Members: Mary Cochran,
Maureen Donegan, Maron Moore

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held for upcoming Programs and for our May Garden Party.

Two books "Mayors of Olathe" and "Windows to the Past", both written by James C. Lee, will be available and for sale at the Heritage Center Gift Shop for \$15.00 each.

Membership for the Olathe Historical Society in the Olathe Chamber of Commerce was discussed and approved.

The Mahaffie Croquet Tournament is scheduled for June 4th, 2011. Mark your calendar for this annual event.

Check the Mahaffie Website for meeting cancellation due to weather conditions.

Adjourned

Bylaws revisions being recommended by the Board include the following:

ARTICLE II

~~This corporation is organized not for profit. The purpose of this corporation shall be to bring together persons interested in Olathe history. They will discover, collect, and preserve any material and preserve any sites which will help to illustrate the history of the area. They will also have the right to acquire, by purchase, gift, devise or otherwise the title to or the custody and control of, historic spots and places and articles and material.~~

~~The society will provide for the preservation of such materials and such sites so that they shall be available to all who wish to examine or study them.~~

~~The society will endeavor to create interest in the history of Olathe by means of any channels or resources available.~~

~~The society will cooperate with any other organized historical societies in Johnson County and the Kansas State Historical Society to collect and preserve materials of county and state wide significance, so that these materials can be made available to students and scholars.~~

Replace with: This nonprofit organization is established to share the history of Olathe with others. The organization will discover, collect, and preserve pertinent materials that illustrate the history of Olathe. Materials may be acquired by donation or purchase.

The society will provide for the preservation of such materials so that they shall be available to all for viewing and exhibits. Researchers may apply for permission to have access to the collection for historic research.

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ARTICLE I

Membership and Dues

Section 6: Members whose dues are not paid by ~~six (6)~~ < twelve (12)> months after the annual meeting shall be dropped from membership.

ARTICLE V

Elections

Section 2: The officers and directors shall be elected for two year terms in the following manner: In ~~even~~ <odd> numbered years, President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and three (3) Directors: In ~~odd~~ <even> numbered years, 1st Vice President, Secretary and the remaining three (3) Directors. Election shall be a majority vote.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

The society shall have the following standing committees.

~~**Section 4:** HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE: responsible for establishing the historic validity for sites proposed for marking; and for marking historic sites. (This role is now covered by the Olathe Historic Preservation Board).~~

ARTICLE X

Amendment

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting, including a special meeting called for that purpose, by a ~~two-thirds (2/3)~~ <majority> vote of those members present and voting. Suggested by law changes must be submitted in writing to the Bylaws Committee. Written copies of any proposed changes shall be sent to all members at least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting at which they will be considered by the society.

Olathe Historical Society

Officers and Board Members

Officers

President	Jayne Jones (09-11)	764-8039
1 st Vice President	Lisa Karstetter (10-12)	913-783-4626
2 nd Vice President	Bob Courtney (09-11)	764-2494
Secretary	Margaret Endecott (10-12)	782-0269
Treasurer	Vicki Holdman (10-12)	764-5076
Historian	Anne Seitz	768-6954

Board of Directors

Mary Cochran (09-11)	829-5078	Susie Nightingale (10-12)	785-760-1274
Maureen Donegan (09-11)	782-0960		
Maron Moore (09-11)	764-1824	John Andrade (10-12)	829-8207

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