

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY GRANGE #922

Record August 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Draft

The flag, Grange symbols and inspirational books were displayed. Linda M. thanked everyone for being there and reminded them of our opportunity to benefit the community. Bob R. brought the meeting to order. Barry R. had a reading—Everybody be here now, do now.

Present were: Linda M., Teresa H., Bob R., Julia M., Carrie J., Barry R., and Gail W., Thorp M., Kelly M., Jean G., Donna H., Barry R., Laurie S.

Dates of interest are the pre-meeting at Teresa H's., September 8; September 16, Grange meeting with description of October 13 Pomona meeting; October 12, run-through for Pomona meeting. October 20 or 27th, Harvest Fest. The date of the latter has been tabled until other schedules can be researched. October 21 is the regular Grange meeting.

Minutes of July meeting were read and approved. (Barry moved, Donna seconded).

Teresa gave the Treasurer's report: \$3159.34 was the July ending balance; insurance premium was just paid; scholarship recipients not yet enrolled so checks not sent; petty cash for Thorp is kept up-to-date.

in caretaker-rental manager business: Thorp started that job in 2013. In exchange for the twenty hours he volunteers for the Grange, they get an honorary Grange membership and a place to park their fifth wheel with access to the necessary hookups. There is one paid Grange rental coming up, September 1. Thorp doesn't want to do the rentals. Teresa's phone number will be on the new rental agreement. Bob will continue to do the meter reading for their fifth wheel on the first of the month.

Thorp explained the difficulties of making the lights over the sinks convenient to use.(old, cloth-covered wiring that goes where?). He is combating the bees, hornets or yellowjackets, under the ramp.

The turnout for Bingo at the fire station during Mary Cole celebration was scant, likely due to insufficient publicity.

Volunteer hours for July were collected: Linda—30;Teresa—50; Thorp—45; Kelly—20; Jean—12; Gail—73 (66c, 7G); Bob—10; Donna—2; Barry—18; Laurie—26; Julia—180

The question arose whether we can allow the borrowing of Grange tables and chairs. It was stated that Ellen Furstner wants to use them for one of her events on September 22. Gail pointed out the sign-out sheet on the wall. Further research will tell. (later, Gail recalled that no official policy was set in this regard, so she decided not to take down the sign-out sheet.)

In New Business, Gail shared what Maureen Weathers told her about when Lowell Grange hosted Pomona. Linda reminded us that Pomona will have a cash award for us that night. The Open Art Studio group donated a cable, which was found on Gail's property, for Grange security.

Decisions regarding the Harvest Fest were tabled. Activities: a talk by Jay Swofford on any topic of our choice from among these: Native Americans, Gold Rushes, Farmers, Fur Trappers, Railroads, Basics of the nine communities, schools, crime and punishment, mills, etc., for a half hour or so. There will be food and probably pumpkin carving.

Jean wants to know whether there can be a ball bouncing, brain integration class at the Grange, to start Thursday, September 22. No action was taken.

We are advised to vote no on Measure 103, about a room tax and lots of other issues.

There was nothing new for the Good of the Order.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. *G is for benefit of the Grange: C is for the benefit of the community.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Weathers, Secretary.