

**Oxford Historical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 25, 2012
The Homestead**

PLEASE BRING A COPY OF THESE MINUTES WITH YOU TO OUR NEXT MEETING ON JULY 23, 2012.

President Louise Burr called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report Myrtle Rowland moved that the minutes of the May 21, 2012 meeting be approved; second by Ed Rowland. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Joy – Ed Rowland moved that the treasurer's report be approved; second by Barbara Robinson. All in favor.

Homestead Report – Dorothy DeBisschop – No report.

- a. Front Door Replacement Report – Marilyn Stebar – Ron Stebar plans to finish the front door casing next week. Dorothy DeBisschop has not called the historical architect to ask about traditional paint colors. Concern was expressed by the group that the door will warp with no paint. Myrtle Rowland moved that we prime the door on all 6 sides when it dries out from the recent rain; second by Marilyn Stebar. All in favor. Ed Rowland volunteered to do the painting.
- b. Front Door Color Choice: Architectural Historian's Report – Dorothy DeBisschop – No report.
- c. Uneven Floorboard issue – No report.
- d. Conservation Committee Report – Nancy Farnum – Nancy Farnum and Cindy Joy have met once to accession our holdings. Recent gifts include 2 Windsor chairs from the Miriam Strong estate, a Gilmoore loom from Judy Mason and a chair and a small spinning wheel from the Harger family.

Membership Report – Marilyn Serus – No report.

Any Other Reports – There were no other reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotape Interviews of Longtime Oxford Residents – Marilyn Stebar – Marilyn Stebar had left a message for Marcia Wrogg but had not yet received a reply. She wondered if families receive a copy of the videotape when an interview is completed. It was agreed that this would be a wonderful thing to offer.

Visit from Quaker Farms School Second Graders on 5/23 and 5/24 – Louise Burr – Louise Burr said that the visit from the Quaker Farms School Second Graders had gone very well. The children were well behaved and there were lots of chaperones. Pupils viewed a video of one-room schools, heard a history of one-room schools in Oxford, an explanation of old tools and what was used in long-ago kitchens. All feed back has been positive.

Open Museum Days Docent Schedule – Nancy Farnum – Nancy Farnum explained that planning the Open Museum Days would be easier if docents volunteered for a specific Sunday. A sign up sheet was passed.

Raffle: Volunteer Needed – Nancy Farnum – We have 3 prizes for a raffle; 2 quilts and a hand carved wooden bowl from Peter Petrochko. There were no volunteers to run the raffle.

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social – Saturday, July 21 at the Homestead – Nancy Farnum – (Sign Up Sheets) – Our Old Fashioned ice Cream Social will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 21. We will make a batch of hand cranked vanilla ice cream with the help of the children who come. Depending on numbers, at least one batch will be made beforehand. We also plan old fashioned games including croquet, graces and hoops. Volunteer sign up sheets were circulated.

Peach Festival – Saturday, August 25, from 4-7 p.m. at St. Peter's Church -- Nancy Farnum – August 25 was finally set as our date for the Peach Festival with hopes that the peaches will be ripe by then. A sign-up sheet was passed.

Gilmoore Loom Donation – Nancy Farnum – Covered under Conservation Committee Report.

Any Other Old Business – There was no other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

"Museum open" Sign Vote – Marilyn Stebar—We hope that a "Museum Open" sign on the corner of Towner Lane and Route 67 will draw in more visitors on the Sundays we are open. Marilyn Stebar had an estimate of \$100 for a metal, 2' x3' folding A-frame sign from Flash Signs. The sign would read "Museum Open Today / 2-4 PM with arrows pointing in the appropriate direction. Barbara Robinson mentioned a concern of safe parking to put up the sign. Nancy Farnum moved that we purchase a sign from Flash Signs; second by Ed Rowland. All in favor. Ed Rowland proposed that we put a second sign in front of the Homestead, Nancy Farnum so moved; second by Ed Rowland. All in favor.

Last Call for Personalized Folding Chairs Purchase – Louise Burr – We need to get our folding chair order in to Staples so that we can get the sales price of \$20.

Volunteer for Refreshments for Next Meeting on Monday, July 23 – Marilyn Stebar volunteered to provide refreshments for our next meeting.

Any Other New Business – Ed Rowland suggested we move our sales items display to the Twitchell Room so that they are seen at the end of the tour. Marilyn Stebar suggested a sales shelf where items could be permanently displayed. Myrtle Rowland proposed we take off closet doors and put in shelving for sales displays. Marilyn Stebar added that only one item be on display. During the Grand Opening, there was concern that merchandise was getting dog-eared from being handled. Ed Rowland suggested that we remove one section of the desk to make more room. Richard Crane offered racks that are being discarded from his office.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Rowland moved that we adjourn; second by Ellie Sturges. All in favor.

Following refreshments provided by Phil and Loretta Rowland and Barbara Robinson, the group looked at wedding photos brought in by various members.

