

**Oxford Historical Society
General Meeting minutes
Monday, September 24, 2012, 7 p.m.
The Homestead**

Please bring a copy of these minutes to our next meeting on October 22, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Homestead.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Marilyn Serus moved that the Secretary's Report for the previous meeting be approved; second by Barbara Robinson. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Joy – Nancy Farnum moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved; second by Marilyn Serus. All in favor.

Homestead Report – Dorothy DeBisschop – No report. Cindy Joy displayed Old Ironsides commemorative stamps that Dorothy had purchased.

Membership Report – Marilyn Serus – There have been no new memberships received since our last meeting. We will begin our 2013 membership drive at Made in Connecticut Day.

Any Other Reports – There were no other reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotape Interviews of Long Time Oxford Residents – Dorothy DeBisschop – Marilyn Serus explained that she and Dorothy are planning to interview Mary Kennedy soon. Fred Rowland recommended that Pete Posypanko be put on the list of those to be interviewed.

Open Museum Days Docent Schedule – Nancy Farnum – Nancy Farnum requested an additional docent for the October 6 Open Museum Day. Louise Burr volunteered.

New Folding Chairs – Cindy Joy – **Marcia** Wrogg and Cindy Joy were unsuccessful in getting our previous low price on folding chairs from Staples, although they spoke to two managers. They purchased 4 chairs at \$22.50 each. Cindy thinks they were different chairs, but there is no obvious difference. At least 4 more are needed. We will advertise at Made in Connecticut Day.

Made in Connecticut Day – Sunday, October 21, 2012 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Nancy Farnum (Signup Sheet) -- Marilyn Serus volunteered to fill the last open position to staff our booth. Nancy stated that donated baked goods sold well and would be appreciated.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Kevin Johnson as Pvt. William Webb – Saturday, October 27, 2012 – 1 p.m., Oxford Grange – (Signup Sheet) – Kevin Johnson, an employee of the State Library's History and Genealogy Unit, will recreate the life of Pvt. William Webb, an African-American Civil War Soldier from Hartford. Mr. Johnson asks that we make a donation to the Connecticut Heritage Foundation. The group discussed admission prices. Barbara Robinson moved that we charge \$5 admission, seconded by Myrtle Rowland. All in favor. Later in the meeting, Jack Konicki moved that since Mr. Johnson gears his performances to junior high school students, we also have a \$2 student

rate, with a maximum of \$10 per family; seconded by Dorothy DeBsschop. All in favor. Marilyn Serus recommended that we send publicity to the superintendent of schools and ask him to distribute it to social studies teachers.

Connecticut League of History Organizations Workshop Washington, CT – Cindy Joy – Members of the League felt that Historical Societies needed a forum to talk to other groups, to share ideas and to collaborate. A series of meetings have been set up. The closest to us is at the Institute for American Indian Studies from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2. A tour of the Museum is included.

Raffle – Nancy Farnum – Our raffle permit forms have been filed at the Town hall. Nancy displayed one of the quilts we will offer for a prize; a second quilt and a wooden bowl carved and donated by Peter Petrochko will also be awarded. Tickets will have to be printed. We will open our sale on October 21 at Made in Connecticut Day and continue until the drawing on January 21 at 7 p.m. at the Homestead.

Need for Volunteers to Move Sales Desk a Foot to the Right During Refreshments – Louise Burr – Ed Rowland and John Konicki moved the desk.

Any Other New Business – Marcia Wrogg found a good offer on personalized pencils in a sales catalog. They come in lots of 60 (\$26.96) or 120 (\$53.92) and the most appropriate designs were multi-colored or American flags. Marcia gets 10% off plus free shipping. Marcia suggested that we sell them for a dollar each; Dorothy De Bisschop felt the cost should be lower so that children could purchase them, take them home, and advertise our museum. A suitable printed message fitting within the 30 letter limit will have to be devised. Marilyn Serus recommended we get 120 pencils. Dorothy DeBisschop moved that we purchase one set of each design; second by Marilyn Stebar. All in favor.

Fred Rowland informed members that there is now an electric wire above the woven horse fence at the back of the property.

ADJOURNMENT

Marilyn Serus moved that we adjourn; second by Ed Rowland. All in favor.

Following refreshments kindly provided by Cindy Joy, the group viewed videos of “Old Ironsides” in recognition of the Bi-Centennial of the War of 1812.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Farnum
Acting Secretary