

**Oxford Historical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 26, 2013
The Homestead**

Please bring a copy of these minutes with you to our next meeting on Monday, September 23, 2013.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Dorothy DeBisschop moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved; second by Marcia Wrogg. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Joy – Marcia Wrogg presented the treasurer's report in Cindy Joy's absence. We took in \$747 at the Peach Festival.

Homestead Report – Dorothy DeBisschop

Dorothy DeBisschop acknowledged the work Robbie Robinson, John DellaVolpe and Ray Buzgo did in painting the shed and cleaning up the area around it.

a. Windows Replacement Grant Status and Plan – We received the Matthies Grant for \$3,000. Ed Rowland has ordered the windows. The new window facing the driveway in the Rowland Room will be moved to the front and be replaced with a window with UV filtering glass. We will paint the windows before installation.

b. Garden Volunteer and Intern – Nancy Farnum said that Laura Dion, our garden volunteer who is enrolled in the Master Gardener program at Naugatuck Valley has worked twice in the front garden, weeding, dead heading and transplanting Foxgloves. Her work with us will include laying bricks along the front garden and planting a wildflower or an herb garden in the back.

c. Reconstruction of the Jensen Family Loom – The committee, which includes co-chairmen Christine Wilkinson and Leslie Alexander, meets Wednesdays. The frame for the loom is up. The group is going to South Britain to see a barn loom there. Marilyn Serus said that Dorie Jensen Coy remembers playing by the loom and that she is going to come to see it.

d. Brick Mapping Project – John Konicki – No report.

Membership Report – Marilyn Serus – We did not take in any new members at the Peach Festival.

Any Other Reports – There were no other reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotape Interviews of Longtime Oxford Residents – Marilyn Stebar – Marilyn Stebar will speak with Dorothy DeBisschop about scheduling more interviews. Jane Hulbert and Marcia Wrogg visited Carol Zwick, who said she was willing to be interviewed. Marilyn Stebar suggested that Jane and Marcia attend the interview. Marcia will call Carol to set a date and time. The assisted living facility will provide a room. Ellie Sturges offered to come as well.

Peach Festival – Louise thanked everyone for their help. Dorothy DeBisschops said that the votes for most popular photos had been tallied, and she announced the results after the meeting:

Best Dressed – Jessie and Ruth Wirth

Happiest Child – Horace Muiotte Chatfield, age 19 months

Most Athletic – Kevin Serus, Pitching for Seymour High School

Most Creative – Jessie Nyberg, with Cat Pansey

Personal Favorite – Young Daniel Bonnett “driving” an early Ford

Over-All Runner Up – Agnes Prokup Oczkowski in Front of Original Farmhouse on Prokup Road

The results will be published on our website.

Old Car and Tractor Display – Sunday, September 15, 2013, during Open Museum Hours (2-4 p.m.) – CANCELLED DUE TO THE VINTAGE VEHICLE SHOW AT SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL THAT DAY. Select a new date. We will reschedule this event for the third Sunday In May, 2014.

Docent Sign – Up Sheet for October – Nancy Farnum explained that we need docents for the two open Sundays in October. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Made in Connecticut Day – Sunday, October 6, 2013, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Colonial Tavern – Nancy Farnum requested volunteers for this event. Sign – up sheets were circulated.

H. Reinhold Lewis Drawings Art Show: Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20 – Nancy Farnum explained that H. Reinhold Lewis was an artist who lived on Barry Road during the Depression. His daughter, Margaret Hilton and her husband Bob approached the Society about having an art show of his never-before exhibited works. Sign – up sheets were circulated.

Updated Liability Form – Our previous liability form applied to issues involving volunteers who were reconstructing the Homestead after the move. It has been updated to address running the building as a museum. All new volunteers will sign it before beginning work.

Volunteer for Refreshments for Our September 23 Meeting – Jane Hulbert volunteered to bring refreshments to our next meeting.

Any Other New Business – There was no other new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Following refreshments, Dorothy DeBisschop showed the video “Children of Oxford” which was presented at the Peach Festival.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Farnum

Recording Secretary