

**Oxford Historical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 24, 2014
The Homestead**

Please bring a copy of these minutes to our next meeting on Monday, March 24. Thank you.

President Louise Burr called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

REPORTS

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

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

Homestead Report – Dorothy DeBisschop

- a. **Windows Replacement Plan** – The windows have been delivered. We are waiting for warmer weather.
- b. **Twitchell Room Floor Patching** – New boards were donated for us to try. The project has not been completed.
- c. **Reconstruction of the Jensen Family Loom** – Volunteers are knitting the heddles. Warping will follow.
- d. **Driveway Paving Fundraising and Grant Application** – We will participate in the GiveGreater online fundraiser in May, choosing between the Connecticut Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Great New Haven as to which offers the best matching funds. We have received our certificate exempting us from filing our \$50 fee as a state charity. Barbara Robinson mailed 70 membership forms and has received 32 renewals, including \$275 in donations that were sent with dues.

Membership Report

Any Other Reports – There were no other reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotape Interviews of Longtime Oxford Residents – Marilyn Stebar, Jane Hulbert, Marcia Wrogg – Marcia Wrogg spoke with Carol Zwick and gave her a journal to jot down her memories of Oxford. She will return to Carol's nursing home this week. She also spoke with Mary Kennedy and set a tentative interview date for March 3.

March 8, 2014 Civil War Program: "Connecticut Yankees at Antietam" by John Banks – Jack Konicki – Jack spoke with John Banks and he is prepared for the program. Volunteer sign up lists were circulated for volunteers for set-up and refreshments.

"Early Houses of Oxford" Book Update – Marilyn Stebar – Marilyn is working on updating the research. She has composed a letter to be sent to current owners of Oxford homes built before 1900. She is including a sample article from the 1976 book as an example. Marilyn asked the group about including houses that have been taken down in the update. It was decided that they should be included, but that it was not necessary to research a date of demolition.

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

New Business

Calendars – Louise Burr – The calendar catalog is here and we will be selling them again for \$12/each. The catalog will be available at the next meeting.

Museum Docents Needed – Nancy Farnum – Nancy Farnum asked for docent volunteers.

Williamsburg Tour Proposal – Nancy Farnum – Information about a bus tour of Colonial Williamsburg was passed out. Travel agent Terri Sherkus will be at our next meeting to answer questions.

Old Vehicle Show: Sunday, May 4 at 1 p.m. – Louise Burr – We have rescheduled this event. Members were asked to pass along the information to friend with old cars or farm machinery.

Oxford Horse and Livestock Association Potluck Supper Invitation: Thursday, March 20, at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall – Louise Burr – Dorothy Vallee has again invited us to the OHLA Potluck Supper. Members wishing to attend are asked to let Louise Burr know so that we can inform Mrs. Vallee of the count.

Any Other New Business

Tag Sale – Marcia Wrogg and Jane Hulbert discussed our annual tag sale. We have signs and stakes and plan for 18 spaces at \$15/space. Nancy Farnum moved that we set the date for June 21 with a rain date of June 22; second by Jane Hulbert. All in favor. Vendor set-up will be at 7 a.m., and we will open at 8:30 a.m. Closing time will be at 1 p.m. The Society will have our own tag sale, sell coffee and water, and have a bake sale.

ADJOURNMENT – Marilyn Serus moved that we adjourn; second by Dorothy DeBisschop. All in favor.

The Society wishes to thank Jack Konicki for his excellent illustrated talk on 3 Civil War soldiers who were born in Oxford: Colonel William B. Wooster, Lieutenant Colonel Philo B. Buckingham and Major Surgeon Samuel R. Wooster. This presentation followed our meeting.