

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

President Louise Burr called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Teri Sherkus spoke on the proposed Williamsburg Trip scheduled for September 13. It is a 5 day, 4 night event with visits to Monticello, Mount Vernon, Shenandoah National Park and the Martin Luther King Memorial, as well as Colonial Williamsburg. A local guide will be provided for the tours and there will be free time to explore in the afternoon. A free shuttle is available in Williamsburg, and wheelchairs are available at the visitor center for approximately \$10/day. The bus features steps which come down to ground level for easy access. This trip has also been extended to the Senior Center. Trip insurance is available. We need a minimum of 10 people. Dorothy DeBisschop will post information on this event on our website with a link for further information.

Secretary's Report – Dorothy DeBisschop moved that the Secretary's Report be approved; second by Cindy Joy. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Joy -- Nancy Farnum moved that we pay Ed Rowland the lump sum of \$1,500 for his services as caretaker; second by Dorothy DeBisschop. All in favor. Nancy Farnum moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved; second by Marilyn Serus. All in favor.

Homestead Report – Dorothy DeBisschop

- a. **Windows Replacement Plan** – The windows are here and Ed Rowland will pick them up. They need to be installed by May 1 for purposes of reporting to the Matthies Foundation when we apply for our next grant. Marcia Wrogg and Jane Hulbert are in charge of painting the windows, and need volunteers to help.
- b. **Twitchell Room Floor Patching** – We are still looking for a marching board.
- c. **Reconstruction of the Jensen Family Loom** – Leslie Alexander and Christine Williamson are knitting the heddles. They met with Mike Green today.
- d. **Driveway Paving Fundraising and Grant Application** – We have been accepted for the on-line Great Give fundraiser. Monies raised from this event and from the tag sale will go towards driveway paving.

Membership Report – Barbara Robinson – We received \$400 in donations along with the memberships. Including 10 life memberships, we have 56 members.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotape Interviews of Longtime Oxford Residents – Marilyn Stebar, Jane Hulbert, Marcia Wrogg – Ellie Sturges and Marcia Wrogg interviewed Carol Zwick today. They didn't get a lot of information, but will write up what they have. Ellie has pictures to add. Marilyn Stebar will interview the Smiths and Leah Seabury on Wednesday afternoon.

"Early Houses of Oxford" Book Update – Marilyn Stebar – Most of the letters have been sent out and response has been enthusiastic. Marilyn has received many phone calls with questions.

Calendars -- Louise Burr – The calendar sale will be ongoing for about the next 6 weeks. Cost of the calendars is \$12. Anyone wishing to purchase can contact Louise.

Museum Docents Needed – Emphasizing that being a docent is fun, Nancy Farnum asked for volunteers for upcoming Sundays.

Vintage Vehicle Show: Sunday, May 4, 1 p.m. – Louise Burr – Dorothy and Bob DeBisschop are chairmen for this event. Dorothy asked those present who will be displaying vehicles the make, model and year of their vehicles. Suggestions of owners of vintage vehicles to contact would be welcome. We have 10 cars, trucks and tractors so far. We will be displaying them in both the front and back yard of the museum. Nancy Farnum suggested signs attached to or covering our regular signs reading “Vintage Vehicle Show 1 p.m.”.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Tag Sale – “Flea Market” – Saturday, June 21. (Rain Date: June 22) – Marcia Wrogg and Jane Hulbert. In Marcia and Jane’s absence, Dorothy DeBisschop reported that they have reviewed their notes from last year’s tag sale and plan to follow the same format.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Marilyn Stebar moved we adjourn, second by Marilyn Serus. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Farnum
Recording Secretary