

**Oxford Historical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 27, 2015 7 p.m.
The Homestead**

DUE TO THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY, OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, AT 7 P.M.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Dorothy DeBisschop moved that the minutes of the March 23, 2015 meeting be approved; second by Marilyn Serus. All in favor.

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

Homestead Report -- Dorothy DeBisschop

Dorothy DeBisschop noted that the repainted clapboard area in front of the Rowland Room has not peeled. We will touch up the front of the Twitchell Room this summer.

a. Reconstruction of the Jensen Family Loom – Dorothy attempted to call the weavers today and could not reach them.

b. Scrape and Paint Paneling in the Twitchell Room – We will do this job in July and August when doors and windows can be open to help deal with the hazards of the lead paint.

c. Kitchenette Project – Nancy Farnum said that a meeting with Ed Rowland to discuss this project will be held this coming weekend.

d. Cellar Clean-Up and Organization -- The cellar clean-up is scheduled for May 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A volunteer signup sheet was circulated.

Membership Report – Barbara Robinson – We have 57 members.

Any Other Reports – Dorothy DeBisschop and Cindy Joy went to a Connecticut Community Foundation program focusing on the establishment of a permanent fund for organizations. Monies are given to the CCF to invest to be used eventually for capital expenses. Dorothy researched comparisons with the Valley Community Foundation. Both groups require that the original amount deposited be increased to \$10,000 within 5 years.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotape Interviews of Longtime Oxford Residents – Marilyn Serus and Dorothy DeBisschop – Marilyn Serus stated that they are waiting for Shirley Thorson to set a date to interview her aunt. Marcia Wrogg will contact Peg Crowther to arrange for an interview.

"Early Houses of Oxford" Book Update – Marilyn Stebar – No report.

Permanent Museum Sign – John Konicki – No report.

Civil War Armistice Anniversary Celebration: Thank You Jack Konicki and Everyone Who

Contributed! DVDs of the Program Available Soon: \$10. Jack Konicki said "The Historical Society and the Town of Oxford can be proud of that program. He has received complimentary phone calls. The videographer will have final cuts of the DVD for us to sell at the Cultural Arts Festival on May 16.

Cultural Arts Committee Festival of Art, Culture and Entertainment: May 16, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

-- Dorothy DeBisschop – The Festival opens on May 15 from 6-9 p.m. We can leave our

literature in the hallway of the Town Hall. On Saturday, May 16, we will set up our sales booth in a tent on the Town Hall lawn. The rain date is May 17. A signup list for volunteers was circulated.

Flea Market – Jane Hulbert and Marcia Wrogg – Signup sheets for volunteers will be circulated at the next meeting. We need bakers, someone to put up signs, individuals to assist at the sales tables, etc. The Flea Market will be by the ramp; the bake sale will be by the drive. Pricing of donated items will be on Friday night, June 19.

Give Local – Dorothy DeBisschop – Dorothy DeBisschop will e-mail Give Local information to our membership and contact lists. We are listed with both the Connecticut Community Foundation and the Valley Community Foundation.

Docents Needed for Upcoming Open Museum Days – Nancy Farnum (Signup Sheet) A signup sheet for volunteers was passed.

Calendar Fundraiser – Louise Burr – The calendar catalog is still available.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteer for Refreshments for Our June 1 Meeting – Cindy Joy volunteered to bring refreshments for our June 1 Meeting.

Any Other New Business -- The Budget Referendum is Tuesday, May 12. A volunteer signup sheet for our sales booth was circulated. Our May meeting will be held on June 1 due to the Memorial Day weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

Nancy Farnum moved that we adjourn; second by Dorothy DeBisschop. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Following refreshments provided by Nancy Farnum and Louise Burr, Dorothy DeBisschop showed the DVD “Appomattox” and selections from the DVD of our recent Civil War program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Farnum
Recording Secretary