

**Oxford Historical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2015 7 p.m.
The Homestead**

Please bring a copy of these minutes to our next meeting on Monday, June 22, 2015. Thank you.

President Louise Burr opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Cindy Joy moved that we accept the Secretary's Report for the meeting of April 27, 2015; second by Dorothy DeBisschop. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Joy – Nancy Farnum moved that the Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2015 be approved; second by Richard Crane. All in favor.

Homestead Report – Dorothy DeBisschop

a. Reconstruction of the Jensen Family Loom – Christine Wilkinson has been warping the loom and is attempting to coordinate her schedule with that of Leslie Alexander.

b. Scrape and Paint Paneling in the Twitchell Room – Dorothy asked that volunteers willing to help scrape and paint the paneling in the Twitchell Room please see her. Nancy Farnum called one painter who did not return her call; she will contact another.

c. Kitchenette Project Nancy Farnum displayed the rough plans for the kitchenette. She has not received estimates from Ed Rowland yet.

d. Cellar Clean-Up and Organization – This project was a great success. It was particularly important that we got everything off the floor because it flooded during the recent rain. Ed has been running the dehumidifier to deal with the problem.

Dorothy has 4 gallons of white, water based paint to touch up the exterior of the Homestead, particularly the window frames. Volunteers are needed for this project.

Membership Report – Barbara Robinson – We have received no new members in the past month.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotape Interviews of Longtime Oxford Residents – Marilyn Serus, Marcia Wrogg, Dorothy DeBisschop – Marcia Wrogg and Dorothy DeBisschop interviewed Peggy Crowther with her daughter Laura on May 28. Marcia felt it was an excellent interview, as Laura chimed in with additional questions and information. Laura intends to get a digital tape recorder to keep in her car to use when Peg is telling stories as they are driving through town.

Marilyn Serus contacted Shirley Thorson re: interviewing her aunt. Her aunt only wants an audio tape of her interview, and a possible date of June 15 at 1 p.m. has been proposed.

"Early Houses of Oxford" Book Update – Marilyn Stebar – Nancy Farnum said that Marilyn was worrying about having the photos ready for the Peach Festival. We can use what we have and Dorothy DeBisschop suggested that we can invite people with old houses in town to bring their own photos for display.

Permanent Museum Sign – John Konicki – No report.

Flea Market – Marcia Wrogg and Jane Hulbert – (Signup Sheets) – The Flea Market is scheduled for June 20. Donations will be taken in the previous Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights from 4-7 p.m. Marcia requested that the lawns be mowed and trimmed before Thursday night when she and Ellie Sturges will be marking the spaces. Louise Burr will set up plants on Friday. Dorothy and Bob DeBisschop will set up tents. All unsold items will be taken away. We will leave them covered with tarps for pickup on Sunday.

Docents Needed for Upcoming Open Museum Days – Nancy Farnum (Signup Sheet) – We need volunteers for Sunday, June 7.

Any Other Old Business – Louise Burr reported that 58 calendars were purchased and will be delivered in September.

NEW BUSINESS

OHS Domain Renewal – Dorothy DeBisschop – Dorothy DeBisschop registered the Oxford Historical Society website in her name. She would like to transfer the ownership to the group. Payment will be by debit card for 3 years. As other sites come up for renewal, we can discuss transferring them as well. Nancy Farnum moved that that we make the transfer; second by Barbara Robinson. All in favor.

Any Other New Business – Information was passed re: The Derby Historical Society Silver Tea and the Oxford Land Trust Founders Day Celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

Marilyn Serus moved that the meeting be adjourned; second by Marcia Wrogg. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Following refreshments, selections from the DVD “Connecticut Cultural Gems” were shown.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Farnum
Recording Secretary