

Oxford Historical Society, General Meeting Minutes, Monday, June 22, 2015, the Homestead

Attendees: Marcia Wrogg, Jane S. Hulbert, Ellie Sturges, Phil & Loretta Rowland, Louise Burr, Cindy Joy and Dottie DeBisschop

The meeting was called to order by President Louise Burr at 7:02 p.m.

- Cindy Joy moved to accept the Secretary's report of the June 1 meeting, seconded by Jane Hulbert, and so voted.
- Cindy Joy gave the treasurer's report. Jane Hulbert moved to accept the report, seconded by Marcia Wrogg, and so voted.
- Dorothy DeBisschop gave the homestead report, noting the following
 - The loom work is still in progress,
 - The executive committee voted to hire Kelly Prajer to scrape and painting the Twitchell Room. The loom will need to be tarped with duct tape used to keep the corners tight to keep the weaving clean.
 - There was no kitchenette project as the man who will bid on the plumbing got married this past weekend.
 - The Cellar Clean-Up and Organization has been completed, thanks to our volunteers.
- No Membership Report, due to the absence of Membership Chairman, Barbara Robinson.
- Dottie DeBisschop reported we had received some photos of Oxford houses from the Orange Historical Society. They also included several Southford photos which Ellie Sturges volunteered to deliver to the Southbury Historical Society.

Old Business:

- Dottie DeBisschop reported that an interview with Shirley Thorson's aunt had been scheduled, but had to be postponed, due to the aunt's illness. Shirley will reschedule the interview with Marilyn Serus.
- The installation of the Permanent Museum Sign was discussed. It was noted that John Konicki had been busy and would not be unhappy if someone else oversaw its installation. The sign needs to have millwork lathing done to make the fancy sides for the sign. The group discussed how the sign would be installed, whether it should be placed in concrete or if it should just go into a posthole on a wooden pole.
- Jane Hulbert and Marcia Wrogg gave their report on the Flea Market. Cindy Joy reported that as of today, the Society had \$1124.31 in proceeds from the event. In general discussion about the Flea Market, the following was noted:
 - Someone suggested to Marcia that the Flea market should go longer.
 - Someone suggested we include hot dog sales next year.
 - In discussing the date, it was noted the last weekend in June would not conflict with Monroe craft festival and maybe not the Touch-A-Truck at Great Hill. Maybe the 25th would be a better date for next year.
 - Couple of venders asked why we didn't have a rain date. Should we consider having a rain date? Perhaps set up the next day, Sunday, from one to five as a rain date time.

- The schedule for docent sign-ups Upcoming Open Museum Days was circulated.
- Dottie DeBisschop noted that our Hale Haven tree has many small peaches starting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval for the use of St. Peter's Hall for the Peach Festival was received. It will be held August 29, St. Peter's Church, 4-7 p.m. This year's theme is Early Houses of Oxford photos.
- Under Any Other New Business, Jane Hulbert asked if the Society had ever had a cookbook. The group wondered if it would be profitable venture to consider in the future.

Jane Hulbert moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Dottie DeBisschop and so voted.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Following refreshments, members viewed our current exhibit: "World War I Soldier Clarence Roberts."

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy A. DeBisschop, Secretary Pro Temp.*