

**Oxford Historical Society
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 1 p.m.
The Homestead**

Please review these minutes and bring any corrections or additions with you to our next meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2016.

Present: Louise Burr, Richard Crane, Dorothy DeBisschop, Cindy Joy, Barbara Robinson, Marilyn Serus, and Marilyn Stebar. **Absent:** Nancy Farnum. **Other Oxford Historical Society members present were:** Bob DeBisschop and Jane Hulbert.

CALL TO ORDER

President Louise Burr called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

There were no comments from the general membership.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report: Cindy Joy moved that the minutes for the meeting of April 19, 2016, be approved; second by Marilyn Serus. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Joy – Marilyn Stebar moved to accept the Treasurer's Report ending April 30, 2016; second by Marilyn Serus. All in favor.

Fundraising and Development – Dorothy DeBisschop – The Society received \$710 from Give Great on May 5 and 6. Dorothy is looking into "Giving Tuesday" in the fall.

August 27 was set for our annual Peach Festival, pending the availability of St. Peter's Church on that day. Marilyn Serus will check to see if that date is open. This year's theme is First responders: Oxford Ambulance Corps and the Fire Departments. The profits from the Peach Festival will go to the Permanent Preservation Fund. (No vote.)

Membership Report – Barbara Robinson – Two more memberships were received for a total of 71 people.

Museum Open Hours Report – On the first Sunday in May, fourteen people visited the museum.

Any Other Reports – There were no other reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Longtime Residents Videotapes – Marilyn Stebar, Marilyn Serus, Dorothy DeBisschop – No report.

Permanent Museum Sign – Marilyn Stebar – The post is up and the sign is to be added as soon as possible. Dorothy DeBisschop moved, second by Richard Crane that a plaque in memory of Myrtle Rowland and a dedication of the sign be planned for the future. All in favor. A flower box will be added soon, to be filled with myrtle. Jack Konicki needs to be notified of the decision to put up the sign.

"Early Houses of Oxford" Revision – Marilyn Stebar – The committee will meet next week. Members continue to research the town's old houses.

Kitchenette Possibilities – Nancy Farnum and Cindy Joy – We have received a quote for \$350 for the electrical work. The plumber is needed not just for the kitchenette, but for other problems: a. The water spigot in the back is leaking into the basement, and has been turned off. b. The front, outside water spigot is hot water and needs to be changed to cold. Jane Hulbert questioned the size of the sink and faucet, asking if it will be deep with a high faucet. We also need cabinets. Dorothy DeBisschop asked what we will do with the chairs and tables that have been stored in the hall. Cindy felt some could go behind doors. Some tables will go in the basement. Richard Crane suggested they could be in the basement off the floor. Barbara Robinson moved to explore the costs of the project.

Docents Needed for Upcoming Open Days -- Nancy Farnum – The docent signup list was circulated.

We are in need of tee shirts to sell. Cindy Joy moved that Marilyn Stebar order 10 extra large, 10 large, and 4 medium; second by Dorothy DeBisschop. All in favor.

Reprinting Litchfield's "History of the Town of Oxford, Connecticut" – Dorothy DeBisschop – No report.

Calendar Catalog Sales – Louise Burr – The order is complete. Louise sold 63 calendars.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Flea Market: Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Rain Date: June 19 – Jane Hulbert reported that she has phoned all vendors from last year and sent applications to each one. Publicity is needed in Voices to secure additional vendors. Jane passed out signup sheets for various jobs. We will need someone to help with parking. Hunt Hulbert will take what doesn't sell. If we put it in the area under the tarp, he will pick it up the following day. Set up will be Wednesday – Friday. Eleanor Sturges will help Marcia Wrogg with vendors.

Tool Kit – Richard Crane – Barbara Robinson brought tools to donate. (Note: Nancy Farnum brought in a wooden tool carrier which is located at the foot of the stairs.)

Any Other New Business – Dorothy DeBisschop brought up our next quarterly meeting. She is going to hear a speaker re: Benedict Arnold. If appropriate, he could possibly be scheduled for July 17.

Cards were circulated for Nancy Farnum and Phil Rowland.

The bottle redemption project needs more help.

Steve Elner stopped at the historical Society tent on voting day, asking for information on the Heidelberg Restaurant. Dorothy DeBisschop suggested the Town Hall files.

The owners of 224 Good Hill Road also stopped at the booth and asked about their home.

Marilyn Stebar visited them.

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

There were no comments from the general membership.

ADJOURNMENT

Marilyn Serus moved that we adjourn; second by Richard Crane. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.