

Oxford Historical Society

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 1 p.m. (Special Meeting Date Because of Flea Market)

The Homestead

Please bring a copy of these minutes with you.

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

There were no comments from the general membership.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Cindy Joy noted that in the May 17 minutes, under Fundraising and Development, the first sentence should read: "The Society received \$710 from Give Greater and Give Local on May 5 and 6." She also pointed out that the Museum Open Hours Report should read: "On the third Sunday in May, fourteen people visited the museum." Dorothy DeBisschop moved that the minutes be approved as corrected; second by Barbara Robinson. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Joy – Cindy noted that she would like to restrict the use of the \$100 donation she made to the Society to be used for exhibits or new office equipment. Nancy Farnum moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved; second by Richard Crane. All in favor.

Fundraising and Development – Dorothy DeBisschop – Dorothy is working to establish a fund with the Connecticut Community Foundation. She attended a program to review The Great Give and found a woman who offered her information about how to go about doing that. Dorothy will e-mail everyone copies of the material and suggested a Tuesday afternoon meeting time to discuss it and to answer questions. We should receive our Give Local check on June 15. They are sure donations will cover the bank charges, so we should get all of our \$710.

Membership – Barbara Robinson – We have one renewal, giving us a total of 71 members.

Museum Open Hours Report – Nancy Farnum reported that we had 4 guests on June 5. Two have just purchased Petticoat Farm on Barry Road and were interested in joining the Society.

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 – Wording for a plaque dedicating the sign in Myrtle Rowland's memory was discussed. It was decided that Jack Konicki should propose the inscription and submit it to the Executive Board for approval. At the time of the dedication, we will publically express our appreciation to Jack and Ron Stebar for all the work they did on the sign. Marilyn Stebar has planted myrtle around the base of the post.

“Early Houses of Oxford” Revision – Marilyn Stebar – The committee continues to meet and work. They also continue to find houses that qualify for inclusion in the book. A new editor, Betty Koenig, and a new writer, Jane Stephenson, have joined the group.

Kitchenette – Dorothy DeBisschop – We will have to take out the door frame to fit in the cabinets. The electrician and plumber will install wiring and pipes, the sink and faucet. We need to order lumber for the counter and laminate. The base cabinet will be insulated. The plumber will fix the outside water faucets at the same time.

Docents Needed for upcoming Open Days – Nancy Farnum – A sign-up sheet was circulated.

Reprinting Litchfield’s “History of the Town of Oxford, Connecticut” – Dorothy DeBisschop – No report.

Any Other Old Business – Marilyn Stebar has ordered a new supply of tee shirts from Grand Concepts. They will be here for the Flea Market.

NEW BUSINESS

Flea Market: Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Rain Date: June 19 – Marcia Wrogg and Jane Hulbert

- a. Donations for the Society Table – Donations will be solicited from Society members only. We will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night from 3 – 7 p.m. to take in and mark items to be sold.
- b. Publicity – Marcia Wrogg put 1 ad in Voices and 1 in Citizen’s News. Barbara Robinson will post the event on Craigslist. Marilyn Stebar commented that the publicity has been excellent. The two signs for the Christian Street and Towner Lane are ready to go up the day before.
- c. Donations of Baked Goods – We will sell jam with the baked goods.
- d. Plant Donations – Louise Burr may need help getting her unsold plants home. Dorothy DeBisschop volunteered to help her.
- e. Set-up and Take Down – The tents will go up on Thursday at 2 p.m. If it is windy, we will put up the frames only. The Flea Market will be set up Friday night. Nancy Farnum will hand out money for change and take home the proceeds.
- f. Layout – Ellie Sturges and Marcia Wrogg will put in the stakes on Thursday morning.
- g. Parking – Nancy Farnum will call Jack Konicki to ask if he will volunteer to help park cars. She will also contact Fred Rowland to see members can park at his house.

Tool Kit – Richard Crane – Nancy Farnum said that the tool kit is in the basement by the fireplace. She asked if anyone had a spare set of pliers they could donate.

Any Other New Business – The group discussed the railing which weathered badly in spite of Jack Konicki’s careful paint job. It is proposed that we top the rail with Trex and possibly use PVC pipe for the hand rail.

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP – There were no comments from the general membership.

ADJOURNMENT

Dorothy DeBisschop moved that we adjourn; second by Marilyn Stebar. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Farnum, Recording Secretary

