

**Oxford Historical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 25, 2013
St. Peter's Church Hall**

PLEASE BRING A COPY OF THESE MINUTES WITH YOU TO OUR NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 25, AT 7 P.M. AT THE HOMESTEAD.

Twenty-three people enjoyed the potluck supper that preceded our general meeting. The Society thanks Marilyn Serus for her hard work in coordinating this event.

President Louise Burr called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Marilyn Serus moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as corrected; second by Dorothy DeBisschop. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report -- Cindy Joy – Cindy Joy noted that the \$1,000 allocation which we received from the Town of Oxford was applied toward our mortgage with the Naugatuck Savings Bank. Nancy Farnum moved that the treasurer's report be approved; second by Marilyn Stebar. All in favor.

Homestead Report – Dorothy DeBisschop – Attached. A sign-up sheet was passed to sign up for continuing Homestead restoration work and for spring clean-up jobs.

Membership – Marilyn Serus – We have 9 new individual memberships, five new family memberships, and 34 senior memberships so far for 2013. Total payments received are \$600. Thirty dollars in donations were also taken in.

Any Other Reports – There were no other reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotape Interviews of Long -Time Oxford Residents – Marilyn Stebar. Marilyn Stebar explained that she will be interviewing Carol Zwick in March and Jack Konicki's mother-in-law soon. A discussion of "Changes in the Role of Women During World War II" has been advertised in the Senior Center Bulletin. The senior director will communicate the response of those who are interested. Marilyn also taped interviews with Ray Pope and Bob Stanton.

Open Museum Days Docent Schedule – Nancy Farnum – Nancy Farnum urged members to take a turn at being a docent on Sundays when the museum is open, explaining that often visitors arrive with fascinating stories or interesting donations. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

New Folding Chairs – Cindy Joy – Money for 2 new folding chairs was donated in December. Staples only sells the chairs in sets of 4. The Executive Board voted to buy 4, and we hope someone will purchase the other two in the future.

Final Raffle Report – Nancy Farnum – After expenses, our final raffle profit was \$873.85. All paperwork has been submitted to the State.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Lewis Paintings Exhibit – Dorothy DeBisschop – The Lewis Painting Exhibition will be held on Saturday, October 19, from 12 – 5 p.m. and on Sunday, October 20, from 1 – 5 p.m. Live background music has been planned. A publicity release has been submitted to the journal “Connecticut History”.

Carolyn Ivanoff “Dolley Madison” Presentation – Sunday, March 17, 2 p.m., at the Homestead – Nancy Farnum – This program fits well with the celebration of Women’s history Month in March. Dorothy DeBisschop outlined her plan to showcase outstanding Oxford women: Lorena Tomlinson from the 18th Century, Mary Hudson Lum from the 19th Century, and Adeline Gray, the first person to make a live test with a nylon parachute, from the 20th Century.

CLHO Regional Networking Events—March 18 Workshop -- Nancy Farnum – The Connecticut League of Historical Organizations is offering a series of free workshops on operating museums at various sites around the State. Marilyn Stebar, Cindy Joy and Nancy Farnum are attending one at the New Haven Museum on March 18, and Nancy encouraged members to consider looking into other presentations.

Any Other New Business

Sweatshirts – Cindy Joy – Cindy Joy contacted Grand Concepts about ordering new stock for our dwindling supply of sweatshirts and medium tee shirts. She is going to get a color swatch and solicit opinions about the colors and designs.

Oxford Booster Club – Dorothy DeBisschop – The Oxford Booster Club is holding Oxford Day on June 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. As a non-profit, we may take part for free. Dorothy DeBisschop moved that we participate; second by Jack Konicki. All in favor. Marilyn Stebar recommended that we use this opportunity to publicize who we are and what we do by having brochures on hand.

Naugatuck Savings Bank Community Award Program – Marilyn Serus reminded anyone who has an account with Naugatuck Savings Bank to nominate the Historical Society for a monetary award.

Calendars – Louise Burr – Dorothy DeBisschop moved that we continue to sell calendars as we have in the past; second by Nancy Farnum. All in favor. Louise Burr volunteered to coordinate this project.

Historical Calendar Proposal – Marilyn Stebar brought up the idea of producing a historical photo calendar as a fundraiser. Dorothy DeBisschop stated that she was not happy with the local printer who did our previous calendar and suggested Lulu or Snapfish. We would have to sell 200 calendars to break even. Dorothy will look into this and report her findings at a future meeting.

Book – Barbara Robinson asked when we were going to publish a new book. The group discussed putting together local diaries for publication in the same size and format as our other books.

ADJOURNMENT

Marilyn Stebar moved that we adjourn; second by Myrtle Rowland. All in favor.

Following the meeting, Marilyn Serus presented a program explaining the illustrations on a dollar bill and the origins of a number of old-time expressions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Farnum
Recording Secretary