

**Oxford Historical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 25, 2013
The Homestead**

PLEASE BRING A COPY OF THESE MINUTES WITH YOU TO OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013.

President Louise Burr called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Cindy Joy moved that the secretary's report be approved; second by Marcia Wrogg. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Joy – Nancy Farnum moved that the treasurer's report be approved; second by Jane Hulbert. All in favor.

Homestead Report – Dorothy DeBisschop (given by Nancy Farnum in Dorothy DeBisschop's absence)

- a. Outdoor Light Repair – We still have not found an electrician willing to do this small job. Louise Burr suggested that we call some of the electricians advertising in Voices.
- b. Window Replacement Plan – The Executive Board is applying for grants to defray the cost of new windows. It is a 2 part process, replacing some of the windows now, and others later. UV filtering glass is being explored to preserve the museum's collection.
- c. Continuation of Homestead Renovations – Proposed Work Parties – Renovation plans have been put on hold until we can safely empty the contents of the display case in the Twitchell Room. The owner has not returned telephone calls. Nancy Farnum will call him again.
- d. Reconstruction of the Jensen Family Loom – This will begin in April when Judy Mason returns from Florida.

Membership Report – Marilyn Serus – In Marilyn Serus's absence, Nancy Farnum reported that since the end of February, we have received 3 senior memberships, 2 family memberships, 3 individual memberships and a \$10 donation.

Any other Reports – There were no other reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotape Interviews of Longtime Oxford Residents – Marilyn Stebar – Marilyn Stebar will continue the interviews after Final Four and Easter.

Open Museum Days Docent Schedule – Nancy Farnum (Sign-Up Sheet) – Nancy Farnum explained that there were still opportunities to sign up to volunteer as a docent on the first or third Sundays of the month. Notes on exhibits are provided.

New Folding Chairs and Labels – Cindy Joy – Marcia Wrogg and Cindy Joy purchased 4 more chairs. Three have been paid for; one more is available for purchase.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Calendar Sales – Louise Burr – The calendar catalog is being passed from member to member.

Any Other New Business

Jane Hulbert asked if we were going to have a tag sale again. Nancy Farnum stated that it had become too demanding physically. Marcia Wrogg recommended holding the sale at the Homestead and selling spaces to other vendors from the backs of their cars. Spaces would be the length of the vehicles. We could hold our own tag sale with donations from members and sell refreshments and our museum items, and have a bake sale. A tentative date of Saturday, June 22 was set, with a rain date of June 29. Marcia has a form used by the Southbury Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxillary that we could adapt for our use. The charge would be \$15 per car. Marcia and Jane volunteered to take care of signs which could be attached to our Open Museum signs.

ADJOURNMENT

Jane Hulbert moved that we adjourn; second by Cindy Joy. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Following refreshments of homemade hot cross buns kindly provided by Myrtle Rowland, the group watched videos of vintage winter photos and of the Blizzard of 2014 compiled by Dorothy DeBisschop.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Farnum
Recording Secretary