

**Oxford Historical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 24, 2013 7 p.m.
The Homestead**

Please bring a copy of these minutes with you to our next meeting on Monday, July 22, 2013.

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

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Dorothy DeBisschop moved that the Secretary's Report be approved; second by Marilyn Serus. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Joy – Dorothy DeBisschop moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved; second by Nancy Farnum. All in favor.

Homestead Report – Dorothy DeBisschop

- a. **Windows Replacement Grant** -- We are waiting to hear if our application for a Matthies Foundation Grant has been approved. We will also apply for funds from the Naugatuck Savings Bank Community Foundation.
- b. **Garden Issues – Suggestions for Volunteers to Help with Weeding and Upkeep?** – No report.
- c. **Reconstruction of the Jensen Family Loom** – Marilyn Stebar saw Judy Mason, who said she was going to stop at the Flea Market to discuss the loom. Nancy Farnum will contact Judy. At the Flea Market, a woman with experience constructing looms in Bethlehem and Woodbury volunteered to help. Dorothy DeBisschop suggested that she and Judy could talk.

The lawn was mowed, poison ivy treated with weed killer and pulled, and the front of the stone wall mowed. We need to spray the poison ivy and respray it.

Volunteers are needed to paint the shed and apply finish to the ramp when we have a succession of dry days.

We are running the air conditioner in the museum to safeguard our collection. Electrical costs are unknown as yet, but will be monitored.

Tag Sale Report – Marcia Wrogg and Jane Hulbert –

16 vendors @ \$15 each	\$240
Baked Goods	158
Flea Market	245
Afghan Raffle	13
Plants	147.85
Donation Jar	45.75
Copsey Donation	110
Additional Monies Owed	18
Total	\$936 + -

Jane and Marcia donated the signs which can be used for future flea markets. Marcia commented that she was amazed at how well everything went and explained that she had learned things along the way. The group discussed that we could possibly have had a few more

vendors and a suggestion was made that we use our larger tent for Society sales to protect the volunteers and the food from the sun. Louise Burr commented that we also could move food toward the middle of the tent instead of at the end.

Dorothy DeBisschop volunteered as museum docent and made \$37 in sales. She commented that it was “a good day, inside and outside”.

Membership Report – We have 1 new member.

Any Other Reports – There were no other reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotape Interviews of Longtime Oxford Residents – Marilyn Stebar – Marcia Wrogg is going to the Senior Center to speak with Mary Kennedy re: setting up an interview at her home. Mary has a number of artifacts, including a jug and furniture, for us to photograph. Irene Barber Dzadik is scheduled for 10 a.m. July 2 at 10 a.m.

Open Museum Days Docent Schedule – Nancy Farnum – Volunteer Needed for July 7 – Cindy Joy volunteered to be the second docent.

New Notepaper with Photographs – Louise Burr and Dorothy DeBisschop – Dorothy DeBisschop has not begun to work on the second set.

Calendar Sales – Louise Burr. The calendars are mostly paid for. We have 67 orders. The order went in May 25; calendars will be received in the early fall.

Gordon Williams Program – Marilyn Serus – Marilyn Serus and Jane Hulbert are trying to locate the paperwork. Gordon Williams may have a website.

Any Other Old Business – Cindy Joy brought the new trifold brochure to the attention of the group and encouraged them to hand the pamphlets out.

NEW BUSINESS

Peach Festival – Dorothy DeBisschop – Potential dates are August 17 or 24. Marilyn Serus will check the St. Peter’s calendar to see if the hall and kitchen are available. We will get peaches from March Farms again. Our theme will be “Children of Oxford” and will focus on children’s activities such as early scouting, 4H and Little League. We have a collection of school photos. We will ask for donations of photos, scan and return them.

Any Other New Business

Myrtle Rowland stated that Joe Ferry is doing an appraisal event for the Garden Club and offered to do the same for us. She also said that Stephanie Hubik has an unusual chair to donate to the Museum. Nancy Farnum will follow up.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Following refreshments, Dorothy DeBisschop presented an update to her research about Oxford’s Adeline Gray.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Farnum

Recording Secretary