

**Oxford Historical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 22, 2013, 7 p.m.
The Homestead**

Please bring a copy of these minutes with you to our next General Meeting on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Homestead.

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

REPORTS

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

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

Homestead Report – Dorothy DeBisschop

- a. **Windows Replacement Grant Status and Plan** -- We received the Valley Community Foundation grant for new windows. Ed Rowland will order 3 12 over 12 windows for the downstairs. We will paint them before installation. There has been no response from the Matthies Foundation re: our current grant request. When we receive a reply, we will decide what action to take on the upstairs windows. Several are in very poor condition. The Executive Board has set aside \$1,000 for upstairs window replacement.
- b. **Possible Garden Volunteer** – Laura Dion – Louise Burr and Nancy Farnum are meeting with Laura tomorrow.
- c. **Reconstruction of the Jensen Family Loom** – Dorothy DeBisschop is setting up a meeting with volunteers next week.
- d. **Brick Mapping Project** – Jack Konicki – Jack Konicki has mapped 2 of our 3 brick gardens so that specific bricks can be easily located.
- e. **Front Door Humidity issues** – Due to recent humidity and heat, our front door is swollen shut. To avoid damage, we will leave it alone until it eventually dries out and try lightly sanding the edges to remediate the problem.

Membership Report – Marilyn Serus – There are no recent new memberships.

Any Other Reports – There were no other reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotape Interviews of Longtime Oxford Residents – Marilyn Stebar – Mary Kennedy will call Marcia Wrogg when she has time for an interview. Marcia will also try to make arrangements for an interview with Carol Zwick.

New Notepaper with Photographs -- Louise Burr and Dorothy DeBisschop – We have received a special order for 50 cards with the photograph of St. Thomas' Church. It was decided that we have enough cards for now. Nancy Farnum will purchase more white envelopes.

Gordon Williams Program – Marilyn Serus – No report.

Peach Festival – Saturday, August 24, 4-7 p.m., St. Peter's Church – Dorothy DeBisschop – Signup sheets were circulated. Dorothy DeBisschop requested members to locate and loan

photos of their families playing on local sports teams and participating in other youth activities in Oxford and to loan them to be scanned for display.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Old Car and Tractor Display – Sunday, September 15, 2013, during Open Museum Hours (2-4 p.m.) – Various members of the group agreed to bring vintage cars, trucks and farm equipment for display.

New Docent Signup Sheet – Nancy Farnum – A docent signup sheet for open museum hours was circulated.

Volunteers for Refreshments for Our August 26 Meeting – Marilyn Serus suggested that we serve leftover peach shortcake from the Peach Festival.

Any Other New Business – There was no other new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Dorothy DeBisschop moved that we adjourn; second by Ed Rowland. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Following refreshments, the group looked at the museum's current exhibit: "Elizabeth's Unmentionables", a display of the underclothing worn by Elizabeth Bronson Rowland who lived in the Homestead.