

**Oxford Historical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 23, 2013
The Homestead**

Please bring a copy of these minutes to our next meeting on Monday, October 28, 2013

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

REPORTS

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

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Joy – Marcia Wrogg presented the Treasurer's Report in Cindy Joy's absence. Marcia moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved; second by Jane Hulbert. All in favor. Marcia also brought an upcoming program "Yankees vs. Red Sox" at the Seymour Historical Society on September 29 at 2 p.m. to the group's attention. Louise Burr added that "History Day in Connecticut" would be held October 5 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Old State House in Hartford.

Homestead Report -- Dorothy DeBisschop

- a. **Windows Replacement Grant Status and Plan** – We have received \$3,000 from the Katherine Matthies Foundation . Oxford Paint and Hardware have quoted us good prices for the windows we have chosen. We hope to get all the windows replaced with the 2 grants. If that is possible, we will seek a third grant to pave the driveway.
- b. **Garden Volunteer and Intern: Laura Dion** – Nancy Farnum – Laura Dion has deadheaded and weeded the garden as well as doing some thinning. She will dig up and bag some of the iris tubers for us to sell at Made in Connecticut Day. She also makes a point of working on Open Museum Days so that she can supply a bouquet to decorate the museum.
- c. **Reconstruction of the Jensen Family Loom Project Report** – The loom is coming along, thanks to good volunteers. Dorothy participated in a trip to Easton to see a working barn loom.
- d. **Brick Mapping Project** – Jack Konicki – The brick map is not yet complete. Cindy Joy has added bricks and is editing. A final version will be ready by our next meeting.
- e. **Driveway Improvement** – See [a.] above.

Membership Report – Marilyn Serus – We have had 1 new family membership.

Any Other Reports – There were no other reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotape Interviews of Longtime Oxford Residents – Marilyn Stebar, Jane Hulbert, Marcia Wrogg – Marcia still plans to arrange for an interview with Carol Zwick.

Made in Connecticut Day – Sunday, October 6, 2013, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Colonial Tavern – Sign-Up Sheet – A sign-up sheet was circulated for additional volunteers.

H. Reinhardt Lewis Drawings and paintings Art Show: Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20 – Sign-Up Sheet – Nancy Farnum explained that H. Reinhardt Lewis's daughter and son-in-

law, Bob and Peggy Hilton, had approached the Historical Society to display the paintings and drawings of her father, H. Reinhardt Lewis, who lived at Petticoat Farm on Barry Road during the 1930's. Sign-up sheets were circulated for volunteer docents and bakers. Nancy invited members to stop in to meet the Hiltons. Dorothy DeBisschop explained that some members of the Executive Board are going out to dinner with the Hiltons on October 19, and invited the general membership to join them Dutch treat.

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

NEW BUSINESS

John Konicki will give his Power Point Presentation on Charles Henry Pine at the Derby Library on November 4 at 6:30 p.m. John explained that this program is the result of 2 years of research. He has previously given the program at the Derby Historical Society, the Barkhamstead Historical Society and the Winsted Historical Society.

Give Greater Challenges Online Fundraiser: November 12 and 13 – Dorothy DeBisschop – We are in the Litchfield and Waterbury 21 town area for this fundraiser. Money given to the Oxford Historical Society online during this period will be matched. Matching funds are being raised, although it is not yet known how much money there will be. The Connecticut Community Foundation and the Naugatuck Savings Bank are paying the usual bank fees for online donations. Each participating non-profit organization has to do their own promotions. This fundraiser uses Guidestar to rank charities. Dorothy has filed reports to the silver level, but intends to get additional information from Cindy Joy to bring us to the gold level. Each donor will receive a receipt. We will receive the names and addresses of donors so that gifts can be acknowledged.

Volunteer for Refreshments for Our Next Meeting on Monday, October 28 – Marilyn Serus volunteered to make refreshments for our next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Marilyn Serus moved that we adjourn; second by Jane Hulbert. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Following refreshments, Dorothy DeBisschop presented videos of working barn looms.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Farnum
Recording Secretary