

**Oxford Historical Society  
General Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 25, 2014  
The Homestead**

**Please bring a copy of these minutes to our next meeting on Monday, September 22, 2014**

President Louise Burr called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Secretary's Report** – Marilyn Serus moved that the minutes of the July 28, 2014 meeting be approved; second by Dorothy DeBisschop. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report** – Cindy Joy – In her absence, Cindy had provided a Treasurer's Report dated July 31, 2014. Marcia Wrogg stated that we made \$843 before expenses at the Peach Festival and that Ron Stebar had submitted a check for \$150 from bottle and can recycling. Nancy Farnum moved that we give St. Peter's Episcopal Church \$50 for the use of their hall for the Peach Festival; second by Dorothy DeBisschop. All in favor. Dorothy DeBisschop moved that we give Karen Keenan \$25 for making the shortcake for the Peach Festival; second by Jane Hulbert. All in favor. Myrtle Rowland moved that the treasurer's report be approved; second by Marilyn Stebar. All in favor.

**Homestead Report** – Dorothy DeBisschop

**a. Windows Replacement Plan** – The main meeting room windows should be installed in the next 2 weeks. One attic window has been repaired and painted. The putty still needs to be painted. Bob DeBisschop is working on the second attic window.

**b. Reconstruction of the Jensen Family Loom** – We have a new volunteer who has joined the group of women working on the loom. They will begin warping in the fall.

**c. Driveway Paving Fundraising** – We have received the firm price of \$7,500 for preparing and paving the driveway and the extended parking lot from Kevin Starchek. Should his expenses be higher, he will donate his services.

**d. Ramp Repair** – Jack Konicki – Jack continues to work on the ramp rail and cap. Most of the sanding is done; some of the wood is primed.

**Membership Report** – Barbara Robinson – We have received no new memberships.

**Any Other Reports** – There were no other reports.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Videotape Interviews of Longtime Oxford Residents** – Marilyn Stebar, Jane Hulbert, Marcia Wrogg, Marilyn Serus – Dorothy DeBisschop and Marilyn Serus interviewed Ann Ives. Marilyn Stebar and Dorothy will interview Nancylee Osczkowski on August 28.

**"Early Houses of Oxford" Book Update** – Marilyn Stebar – Twenty-seven photos of old houses On Quaker Farms Road were taken. Joyce Hummel submitted a segment on the Riverside Church.

**Permanent Museum Sign** – John Konicki – We have the building permit. Ron Stebar located a wrought iron worker. Jack have a background painter for the sign and someone to do the lettering. He expects the sign will be done in the spring.

**Civil War Armistice Anniversary Celebration** – John Konicki – Jack feels that the choir needs to organize and begin practicing. Members are asked to contact choirs for representatives. Our

goal is a choir member from each local church. Dorothy DeBisschop suggested a set practice time. Jack felt he needed to get all volunteers together and have them choose a the most convenient rehearsal day.

**Peach Festival Final Report** – We had 132 paid admissions, which is our highest attendance ever. Dorothy DeBisschop felt it went well and intends to put the videos on our website along with a copy of the Kindersley letters.

**Docents Needed: September 7 and 21** – A signup sheet was passed for members to volunteer as docents.

**Lounsbury Crazy Quilt Squares: Framing and Grant Application** – Dorothy DeBisschop – We did not receive the grant we applied for, but will continue to look for additional sources of funding.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**New Tee Shirts/Sweatshirts: Committee Volunteers Needed (Sign Up Sheet)** – Marilyn Stebar volunteered to contact Sue Gibbons for design suggestions. Dorothy DeBisschop suggested we have shirts printed with no logo, simply the name of our organization. Marilyn Serus thought we might reproduce our new museum sign.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Dorothy DeBisschop moved that we adjourn; second by Jane Hulbert. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

***Following refreshments, Dorothy DeBisschop showed her videos “Hometown Heroes: Oxford’s Men and Women in Uniform” and “Albert Kindersley”.***

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Farnum  
Recording Secretary