

**Oxford Historical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 28, 2014
The Homestead**

**Please bring a copy of these minutes to our next meeting on Monday, August 25, 2014.
Thank you.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Louise Burr.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Dorothy DeBisschop moved that the minutes of the previous meeting on June 16, 2014 be approved; second by Marilyn Serus. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Joy – A letter was sent to the Town of Oxford requesting the \$1,000 granted us in this year's budget. If a check of our mail shows that we have not received these funds, Louise Burr will call the financial officer.

Homestead Report

a. Windows Replacement Plan – The main meeting room windows are ready for installation. Attic windows were removed and have been repaired by Bob DeBisschop. They are scheduled to be repainted.

b. Twitchell Room Paneling – No report.

c. Reconstruction of the Jensen Family Loom – The heddles have been installed. Christine Wilkinson is working on the first stage of warping at home; it will probably not be put on our loom until late August – early September. She also is weaving a sample dish towel at home to display.

d. Driveway Paving Fundraising – According to Treasurer Cindy Joy, we have approximately \$7,200 dedicated to paving the driveway. Dorothy DeBisschop met with Rob Robinson, and measured where the extended parking area (20 feet) would go. Rob has contractors looking at the job.

e. Ramp Repair – The Executive Board is concerned with the deteriorating condition of the ramp railing. Jack Konicki is repairing it with Bondo and painting it with oil base paint. He also is scraping and repainting the cap on top of the fencing using oil base paint trying to avoid the \$300 cost of a composite cap. If these measures don't work, we will have to replace the rail and the cap.

Marilyn Stebar stated that Ron is repairing the door lintel.

Membership Report – Barbara Robinson – There are no new members.

Any Other Reports – There were no other reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotape Interviews of Longtime Oxford Residents – Marilyn Stebar, Jane Hulbert, Marcia Wrogg, Dottie DeBisschop – Fred and Myrtle Rowland were interviewed last week.

"Early Houses of Oxford" Book Update – Marilyn Stebar – The photographer will begin taking pictures of the houses tomorrow.

“Flea Market: -- Saturday, June 21: Final Report – Cindy Joy. Our profits were \$891 towards paving the driveway.

Permanent Museum Sign – Jack Konicki – In Jack’s absence, Dorothy DeBisschop explained that Bob DeBisschop has volunteered to make the spindles. Jack has found other volunteers for additional jobs, including someone to paint the sheet metal. Ron Stebar is looking for a blacksmith to do the wrought iron work.

Civil War Armistice Anniversary Celebration – John Konicki – No report.

Peach Festival Planning – Dorothy DeBisschop – Dorothy has scanned 60 veteran’s photos, and expects more. Marilyn Serus will contact the Senior Center to see if Dorothy could scan pictures there as well. We also have photos of the homecoming parade following World War I and photos of the war games at Oxfordshire and near the river. Signup sheets were passed.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteer for Refreshments for Our August 25 Meeting – Cindy Joy said that she has baked goods in her freezer from the tag sale which she will contribute.

Calendar Report – Louise Burr – Louise checked on the calendar order and it will be her at the end of September.

New Tee Shirts/Sweatshirts: Committee Volunteers Needed (Signup Sheet) – This item was tabled.

Lounsbury Crazy Quilt Squares: Framing and Grant Application – Dorothy DeBisschop – Dorothy, Cindy Joy and Nancy Farnum applied for a \$1,000 grant from the New England Preservation Society towards preserving the quilt squares. This would pay for half our costs.

Any Other New Business – Marilyn Serus presented the Society with 3 copies of “The Centennial Overview of Connecticut State Parks” for use by members.

ADJOURNMENT

Dorothy DeBisschop moved that the meeting be adjourned; second by Marilyn Stebar. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Following refreshments, members viewed our newest display: “The Work Basket; Vintage Sewing Accessories, 1900 – 1950.” Materials for this exhibit were donated by Myrtle Rowland, Marilyn Stebar, Cindy Joy and Rob Buck.