

**Oxford Historical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 28, 2015 7 p.m.
The Homestead**

REPORTS

Secretary's Report – Cindy Joy moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved; second by Marilyn Serus. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Joy – Nancy Farnum moved that the Treasurer's report for the month ending August 31, 2015 be approved; second by Marilyn Serus. All in favor.

Homestead Report – Dorothy DeBisschop

a. Reconstruction of the Jensen Family Loom – No progress

b. Scrape and Paint Paneling in the Twitchell Room – Finished! Nancy Farnum reported that the door over the fireplace is at a glass shop being fitted with reproduction panes. The hinges are being repainted.

c. Kitchenette Project – Nancy Farnum and Cindy Joy – The plumber is meeting Ed Rowland late this week to give us an estimate. Ed contacted the electrician and is waiting for a call back.

Membership Report – Barbara Robinson – We have no new members.

Any Other Reports – There were no other reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotape Interviews of Longtime Oxford Residents – Marilyn Serus reported no progress.

"Early Houses of Oxford" Book Update – Marilyn Stebar – No report.

Permanent Museum Sign – Marilyn Stebar – No report.

Docents Needed for Upcoming Open Museum Days – Nancy Farnum – A signup sheet was passed.

Peach Festival – August 29, St. Peter's Church, 4-7 p.m. – Thank you for your hard work and Support!

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

NEW BUSINESS

Change in General Meeting Schedule: Vote to Amend Article 8, Section 1 of Our Bylaws to

Read That the Society Should Hold at Least 4 Regular Meetings Per Year – Dorothy DeBisschop -- After an explanation by Cindy Joy that the Society wishes to hold more programs and fewer meetings, Nancy Farnum moved the following Bylaw Change:

Article VIII

MEETINGS

1. The Society shall hold at least four (4) regular business meetings each year, at a date, time and place to be set by the membership or by the president. This will begin in January, 2016.

2. Special meetings remain the same.

Second by Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers. All in favor. Short meetings will be held after the programs. Marilyn Serus emphasized that all members are invited to the Executive Board Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Homestead.

Sunshine Fund Donation to St. Peter's Church in Memory of Myrtle Rowland – Barbara Robinson explained that any Historical Society Member wishing to contribute to our organization's donation to St. Peter's Church in memory of Myrtle Rowland could do so through the Sunshine Fund.

Nominating Committee Needed for Slate of Officers for 2016 – Louise Burr – Marilyn Serus and Cindy Joy volunteered to develop a list of candidates for officers for 2016. Nancy Farnum moved that Marilyn and Cindy be named as the nominating committee; second by Richard Crane. All in favor.

Any Other New Business

Louise Burr explained that her son Elisha had offered a 1924 Rollin car (estimated value \$5,000 - \$10,000) to the Historical Society as a fund raiser. Phil Rowland continued that the car needs restoration and is presently in storage. Elisha will transport the vehicle here around Thanksgiving. Phil has kindly offered his garage to house the car. We can sell it as is or fix it further and sell it. Richard Crane said that the Rollin is quite rare and definitely saleable. Elisha does not want the car sold for parts. We will need to learn about the legal paperwork. Elisha does have a title for it. Mary Ann moved that we accept the donation of the 1924 to be used as a profit-making sale by the Oxford Historical Society; second by Phil Rowland. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Marilyn Serus moved that we adjourn; second by Barbara Robinson. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Following the meeting, members viewed our latest exhibit: " Moo! The Family Dairy Farm in Oxford".