

**Oxford Historical Society
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 15, 1 p.m.
The Homestead**

Present: Louise Burr, Richard Crane, Dorothy DeBisschop, Cindy Joy, Barbara Robinson.
Absent: Marilyn Serus, Marilyn Stebar. **Guests:** Bob DeBisschop, Ellie Sturges

CALL TO ORDER

President Louise Burr called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

There were no comments from the General Membership.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report –Dorothy DeBisschop moved to accept the minutes as corrected, second by Cindy Joy. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Joy – Dorothy DeBisschop moved that we renew our membership in the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation; second by Cindy Joy. All in favor. Barbara Robinson moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of February; second by Dorothy DeBisschop. All in favor.

Fundraising and Development Report – We have received funding for 10 Cricket looms: Valley Community Foundation (\$500), Quarry Walk (\$400); Newtown Savings Bank (\$100); Lion's Club (\$200). We will have 10 looms so that a group of 20 can learn the fundamentals of weaving. Christine Wilkinson is able to get us a discount for a multiple order. Dorothy DeBisschop moved that the Oxford Historical Society allocate \$200 for materials such as string and yarn; second by Richard Crane. All in favor.

Membership Report – Barbara Robinson – We have 44 renewals and 10 life memberships.

Museum Open Hours Report – Nancy Farnum and Louise Burr said that they had had 13 enthusiastic visitors on March 6. We took in \$37 in donations and sales. A discussion was held re: using the exhibit cases to display examples of weaving during our Sheep to Shawl Weekend. It was decided to remove antique and vintage crafts and to continue to display works by living artists for that event.

Any Other Reports – There were no other reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Longtime Residents Videotapes – Marilyn Stebar, Marilyn Serus, Dorothy DeBisschop – No report.

Permanent Museum Sign – Marilyn Stebar – Marilyn Stebar sent a message that the sign is nearly finished and beautiful.

"Early Houses of Oxford" Revision – Marilyn Stebar – Nancy Farnum spoke for Marilyn, saying that the committee is interviewing, researching and writing.

Kitchenette Possibilities – Nancy Farnum and Cindy Joy – Nancy Farnum e-mailed Ed concerning the electrician and did not receive an answer.

Reprinting Litchfield's "History of the Town of Oxford, Connecticut" – Dorothy DeBisschop – Richard Crane and Cindy Joy are proofreading chapters 1-3.

"Sheep to Shawl" Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17 – Dorothy DeBisschop

Signup sheets were circulated for docents, refreshments, set up and clean up. Saturday's refreshments are being sold by the Lions Club, but we will need to provide them for Sunday. The following people are participating: Leslie Alexander (spinning and weaving), Ron East (sheep shearing), Pam Blasko (carding and cleaning), Rose East (spinning), A woman from Derby (tape weaving) and Christine Wilkinson. Jan Galloway will show Oxford Historical Society docent volunteers how the loom works on Sunday afternoon so that they can explain it while giving tours. Nancy Farnum will contact the Cub Scouts and help Dorothy with newspaper publicity. Many area historical societies have posted the event on their Facebook pages. Dorothy has invited people from the community who are interested in fiber arts. We hope to generate excitement and interest and to get people here who would not otherwise visit.

Calendar Catalog Sales – Louise Burr – The calendar catalog is being circulated. Louise will bring it Sunday for the general meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Susan Gibbons, Great Oak School Teacher, for Honorarium for Kevin Johnson

Who Will Present "Private William Webb" on April 25 at 1:30 p.m. – Nancy Farnum -- Nancy Farnum moved that we donate \$100 to The Connecticut Heritage Foundation in lieu of an honorarium for Kevin Johnson; second by Cindy Joy. All in favor.

Request from Laura Dion for money for Gardening Supplies – Nancy Farnum – Laura Dion is once again volunteering in our garden. She requested funds for miscellaneous garden supplies, bulbs and plants. Nancy Farnum moved that we give her a check for \$100; second by Dorothy DeBisschop. If necessary, she may request more monies. Nancy will ask her to submit receipts and/or a list of purchases.

Cricket Looms – Dorothy DeBisschop – Discussed under the Fundraising and Development Report.

Any Other New Business – Richard Crane mentioned that the Connecticut League of Historical Organizations is sponsoring a meet up of volunteers at the Amity Historical Society on April 7 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Richard invited others to attend with him. The CLHO annual conference is on June 6.

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP – There were no comments from the General Membership.

ADJOURNMENT

Nancy Farnum moved that we adjourn; second by Barbara Robinson. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

