

Oxford Historical Society
General Meeting minutes
Monday, November 28, 2011
The Homestead

PLEASE BRING A COPY OF THESE MINUTES WITH YOU TO OUR NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012 AT THE HOMESTEAD.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Louise Burr.

REPORTS

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

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Farnum moved that the treasurer's report dated October 31, 2011 be approved; second by Barbara Robinson. All in favor.

Homestead Report – Dorothy DeBisschop – No report. Barbara Robinson questioned if the Society had received our certificate of occupancy for the Homestead. Officers explained that we have a verbal commitment, but paperwork needs to be completed.

Grant Reports – Valley Community Foundation Report – Nancy Farnum. Nancy Farnum stated that the last of the funds from our Valley Community Foundation Grant have been spent to purchase display materials such as stands and easels for our case in Exhibit Room B.

Any Other Reports – Corresponding secretary Barbara Robinson reported that she sent a get well card to long time Society benefactor Howard Belinsky.

OLD BUSINESS

Acceptance of Slate of Officers for 2012

Louise Burr, President

Marilyn Serus, Vice-President

Dorothy DeBisschop, 2nd Vice-President

Nancy Farnum, Recording Secretary

Barbara Robinson, Corresponding Secretary

Cindy Joy, Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer (Vacancy)

Marilyn Stebar, Member at Large

Kathy Johnson, Member at Large

Nancy Farnum, Historian

Marilyn Stebar moved that the secretary cast one ballot for the proposed slate of officers for 2012; second by Marilyn Serus. All in favor.

Calendar Order – Louise Burr – Louise Burr reported that the calendar order is complete. Refunds have been paid for those that were not delivered, and our profit was \$287.

"Oxford History Remembered" – Dorothy DeBisschop – No report.

Election Day Booth – Nancy Farnum – Nancy Farnum thanked everyone who volunteered at the Election Day booth. We took in \$349.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Rescheduled Open House on December 4 from 1-3 p.m. – Dorothy DeBisschop. In Dorothy DeBisschop's absence, various members of the Executive Board explained that since our "First Look" was effectively cancelled by the snow storm at the end of October, we are holding a second open house on Sunday, December 4, from 1-3 p.m. A sheet for volunteers willing to bake refreshments and publicity posters were circulated. This open house will feature Louise Burr's Christmas village.

Friends of the Library Basket Raffle Donation – Marilyn Serus – Marilyn Serus said that a metal basket filled with Christmas decorations, a Society tee shirt, a copy of "In Those Days", and other items was donated to the Friends of the Oxford Public Library Christmas raffle and was well received.

Potluck Supper in January: Date? – Dorothy DeBisschop –It was decided to hold our post-holiday potluck supper at our regular meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012 at the Homestead. The snow date will be January 30. We will eat first and hold our meeting afterwards. Those attending are requested to bring a dish to pass. The Society will provide plates, utensils and beverages.

Civil War Reinactor Kevin Johnson Program: Saturday, October 27,2012 – Nancy Farnum – Nancy Farnum booked Civil War reinactor Kevin Johnson as a guest speaker as part of our celebration of the 150th anniversary of the War Between the States. Kevin Johnson plays the part of Private William Webb from Hartford, a soldier in Connecticut's unit of black enlisted men.

2012 Membership – Marilyn Serus – Marilyn Serus plans to do a push for memberships at our open house on Sunday and will have updated forms at that time. She will also do a mailing as soon as possible, by e-mail if that is preferred or by regular mail.

Fundraising Website Using Good Search Proposal – Dorothy DeBisschop – In Dorothy DeBisschop's absence, Cindy Joy explained that Dorothy plans to develop a fundraising website, using Good Search as a base.

Any Other New Business –

Marilyn Stebar reported that she and Dorothy DeBisschop want to form a collection of local cookbooks in the museum. She asked if members see them in tag sales or book sales that they buy and donate them. Marilyn Serus suggested that we could advertise this project in the newsletter we hope to put out.

It was announced that there will be no general meeting in December.

Marilyn Serus moved that we adjourn; second by Cindy Joy. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Refreshments and a "tour" of Louise Burr's Christmas village followed adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Farnum
Recording Secretary