

Minutes of the **April 19, 2011**, regular meeting  
of the **Owosso Historical Commission**  
held at the Gould House, 7:00 p.m.

Members present: City Treasurer Ron Tobey, Chairperson Piper Brewer and members Michael Erfourth, Shaffer Fox (7:05), JoEllen Hartley, Charles Wascher, Lorraine Weckwert (7:03) and Gary Wilson.

Member Absent: Jamie Brummel and Crystal Smith

Guests Present: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Brewer.

There were no citizen comments.

Motion by Hartley to accept and place on file minutes of March 15, 2011. Supported by Wascher and carried.

Weckwert arrived at 7:03.

The financial report for March 2011 was reviewed. Motion by Erfourth to accept. Supported by Wilson and approved.

There was nothing to report on the upcoming Home Tour. The David Louwsma house on Oliver Street is to be offered by a house raffle this summer. The date of the drawing would coincide with Home Tour. Brewer reported that this is a fund raiser for the SAC. If the Home Tour could feature this location on the tour, SAC would provide the funding for Home Tour tickets.

Fox arrived at 7:05

There was no information to report concerning the Curwood Castle Park project with the Kiwanis.

Members briefly discussed researching those who might provide work estimates for the Carriage House painting, the porch step repairs and addition of east porch roof gutters.

Brewer reported that The Sign Gallery quoted replacement of two "Welcome to Owosso" signs at \$550.00 each. Members involved with other groups considering signage in Owosso expressed concern that new designs would soon be promoted. Motion by Hartley to continue discussion of signage, with support by Fox. Motion carried. Continued discussion. Motion by Hartley to hold off on Curwood Castle design "Welcome to Owosso" signs for six months. Support given by Fox and motion carried.

The topic of the Gould House being open on Sundays in the summer led to a discussion of the locks. Motion by Fox that the downstairs Gould House locks be re-keyed with new non-duplicating keys to be picked up for use at city hall, with one key each to be held by Brewer, Tobey, the DPW and Owosso Musicale. This action will be pending price information to be voted on at the next meeting. Supported by Hartley. Motion carried.

Members agreed by consensus that the Curwood Castle hours during Curwood Festival would remain the same as last year; Thursday 1-5, Friday 1-6, Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 11-5.

Erfourth brought attention to the Green Up Clean Up event to be held April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. The Gould House grounds will be considered for attention.

Motion to adjourn made by Wascher with Support by Wilson at 8:23 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/Treasurer