

Minutes of the **July 8, 2013**, regular meeting
of the **Owosso Historical Commission** held
at the Curwood Castle, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: City Treasurer Ronald Tobey, Chairman Michael Erfourth, and members Joni Forster, Shaffer Fox, Elaine Greenway, Scott Newman and Lorraine Weckwert

Members Absent: Gary Wilson (2 vacancies)

Guests Present: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Erfourth.

Motion to adopt proposed agenda made by Forster, supported by Newman and approved after the additions of refrigerator, bike rack, acquisitions wish list and Home Tour budget.

Citizen Comments: none

Motion by Newman to accept and place on file the minutes of the June 10, 2013, regular meeting after correction that Erfourth rather than Newman reported the city council would be conducting the strolling tour on June 24th. Support was then offered by Fox and approved.

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Motion by Forster to approve the May 2013 treasurer's report with support given by Newman. Carried with dissent from Weckwert and Forster.

Tobey relayed that the approvals for the Hoskins painting purchase in February needed to be fleshed out in the minutes. Motion by Newman to approve the purchase of a Gayle Porter Hoskins painting inscribed to James Oliver Curwood from H. H. Quillen & Co. ("Buzz" Quillen) in the amount of \$7,700 plus shipping costs. The Historical Commission is to contribute \$3,500 plus shipping to this endeavor. Four individual commission members are to contribute \$100 each and a match donation from a local family for \$3,800 will complete the purchase. Support by Weckwert and carried.

Members discussed that a wish list for Castle acquisitions would be useful in setting priorities. Docent Speers will be asked to prepare this list.

Greenway arrived 7:18 p.m..

The Hoskins painting placement was discussed. A small painting presently near the "stage" area was suggested as a possible location. Members by consensus agreed to allow Speers to decide the best location and to ask Amanda Wetzel to properly hang the piece. Members also decided to showcase the painting to the public at a special event on August 17th at 1:00 p.m. Chairman Erfourth volunteered to provide ice cream to the guests at their departure.

Member Newman was recognized for his donation of nine photo stills from the 1941 movie "Law of the Timber". It was also noted that he donated two antique doorknobs reportedly to originally be from the Castle. Newman further announced his intent to loan the Castle a dorm sized refrigerator until a larger one was obtained, as well as his intent to donate a large oriental rug for use on the main floor.

Chairman Erfourth will e-mail each member the current project manager job description. Any changes requested by members will need to be back to Erfourth by the end of this week. The description will be placed on the August agenda as a discussion item.

Members Weckwert and Greenway discussed ongoing work on the upcoming Home Tour projects. Still much work is to be accomplished. Fundraising and advertising remain as major projects.

Newman left 7:39 p.m.

Willoughby Press will prepare 2,000 full color trifold Home Tour pre-event brochures for \$699.00. The same number of tour booklet/tickets may be printed for \$1,800. Weckwert is investigating on-line sources for price comparison. It is anticipated the ticket price will be \$15.00.

Motion by Weckwert to authorize expenditures for Home Tour of \$4,100 to include \$600 for webpage design, development, layout and hosting for three years. The total will include the ticket booklets, advertising, plaques and host reception. Supported by Greenway and approved.

It was noted former member Schneider still wished to donate a refrigerator to the Castle.

Member Forster brought attention to the fact there is no bike rack in the park area. Erfourth will pass this along to DPW.

A computer for the Castle may be available for \$200 with additional donations of equipment. Members will review this next month.

Discussion of air conditioning for the Castle will be postponed until after Home Tour.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Tobey
Secretary/Treasurer