

Minutes of the **March 12, 2012**, regular meeting  
of the **Owosso Historical Commission** held  
at the Gould House, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Piper Brewer, and members Michael Erfourth, Shaffer Fox, Paul Heimnick, Lorraine Weckwert and Gary Wilson.

Members Absent: JoEllen Hartley, 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 to accept and place on file the minutes of February 13, 2012 was made by Fox and supported by Heimnick. Approved.

After presentation of the February Treasurer's Report, motion was made by Wilson to accept. Second offered by Erfourth and approved.

It was noted that a wood table donated by George Hoddy to the SAC was available for use in Gould House apartment two. The Commission will need to purchase chairs for the apartment. This will need to be done before the end of May.

An update on the Curwood Castle lighting was unable to be made due to the absence of Hartley.

Erfourth reported the Kiwanis had not been approached about the step project at the Comstock Cabin. Members commented that cleaning might be scheduled once the weather is warmer.

Weckwert reported the walking tour brochure had been updated to include 36 stops and would be e-mailed to members for review.

Brewer reported that some reprints of the 1908 book would be available in about one week, with the remainder done as the printer's schedule allowed.

A request was made by SAC for two month use of the Carriage House for storage during the Woodard Furniture exhibit in June and July. Following discussion, request was withdrawn.

Motion by Wilson to set a time to go through the Carriage House to determine what would be saved, then to hire someone to clean out the building with commission supervision. Support by Erfourth and carried.

Report by Brewer that there are approximately 11 donated train sets stored in the Castle. Some of the pieces from several sets have been combined in one box. None of the sets are extremely valuable, but the donor's request is they be kept or sold by the commission and not donated. The Steam Railroad Institute will be consulted first to see if any of the sets are desired by them

A bid has been received by Jesse Farr to replace the finial and make repairs on the back porch of the Gould House. The finial would be made by a wood shop teacher. Tobey was informed that the bid had been lowered by \$100.00 and the project could be completed for \$375.00. Motion by Wilson to accept repair bid. Support given by Erfourth and carried.

Tobey noted that the Curwood Castle had gutters plugged with leaves. DPW has been asked to clean them out. Weckwert provided a bid to repair interior plaster, but water issues must be addressed before repair of damage is attempted.

Fox had made contact with Lee Rockafellow concerning the bee activity at the Gould House. He had yet to inspect the property.

Comments were made by Weckwert concerning an offer to clean the Gould House monthly as a community service; and the need to evaluate the collection inside the Gould House, properly storing holdings and disposing of items damaged or unwanted. Specifically, the items in storage in the basement were mentioned. Erfourth will investigate the possibility of storage in a downtown building.

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. by Erfourth, supported by Fox.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/Treasurer