

OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING AUGUST 11, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 by chairperson Elaine Greenway. Present were Jennifer Adams, Kerry Baker, Sue Ludington, Sue Osika and Lorraine Weckwert, as well as Greenway.]

No Treasurer's report (again!).

Motion was made by Sue Osika to accept the minutes as presented, Sue Ludington seconded the motion and all approved with a yes vote.

Lorraine asked for a fund to put the Castle back together after the floor refinishing for things such as a new toilet seat(!), felt pads for the bottoms of furniture to forestall scratching of the new finish, wastebaskets, etc. An amount of \$200.00 was approved.

Lorraine made a request for a budget for the Acquisitions Committee. Last year the amount was \$500.00. Lorraine moved and Kerry Baker seconded that \$500.00 again be allotted to the Acquisitions Committee, which consists of Gary Wilson, Mitch Speers, and Lorraine Weckwert.

Inquiry was made of the status of the sign ordered with hours posted for Curwood Castle to replace (hopefully with insurance reimbursement) the sign which was knocked down by a city truck. Lorraine will investigate.

Sue Ludington reported on her task of assessing the rental units of the Gould House. She recommends that we send letters to our renters outlining lease changes proposed, which will now not include the telephone, cable and electric. Sue will send those letters on the OHC behalf. Currently our gross is \$15,240 a year in rent for the apartments.

Sue Ludington was authorized to spend up to \$1000.00 to fix a plumbing problem, and then found that the repair had been done without our knowledge and authorization in one apartment unit. She will attempt to resolve this issue within the City and between the City and the OHC, who has the authority over this building.

Jennifer reported that she and her husband, who have kept bees, will plug holes in the Gould House structure, move the queen and the hive, at no cost to the OHC. Sue Ludington moved, seconded by Kerry, to authorize her to proceed. Motion passed.

Jennifer reported on a building inspection of the Gould House, completed by her spouse, who is a professional building inspector. The report stated that we must fix the leaks in the gutter system of the roof, and then the porches, which are being dripped upon because of the leaky gutters.

Carriage owned by OHC, and being sold by Mitchell's in their auction: Sue Osika had volunteered to contact auctioneer Troy Crowe to inform him of the carriage being OHC's to see what he could do about the situation, hopefully to withdraw the carriage from the auction.

Elaine reported on progress of the Historic Home Tour for 2014: Tyson Rude had been contacted to update the owossohistorichometour.com web site: Paul Heimnick had been taking the photos of the various buildings on tour for inclusion in the ticket booklet: Tomac's Pumpkin and Squash Farm will again be at the Castle to lend fall color and sell their product: Musical entertainment will be provided: Cabin will again be open and displayed with furs and traps: She has been pledged \$1925 in sponsorships.

City Manager Don Crawford reported that we had received several applications for the Historic Facilities Director's position and would begin the interview process soon. OHC members who were interested in the interview process were Lorraine Weckwert, Kerry Baker, Sue Ludington, and Elaine Greenway.

City Manager Crawford also had contacted a local taxidermist who could rework the antlers of the moose head so as to fit it into the Castle to hang above the mantle, as it did in Curwood's time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Submitted by Lorraine Weckwert