

OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2015, 7:00 P.M. Gould House

Minutes

Call to order:

Present: Elaine Greenway, Chair; Sue Osika, Robert Brockway, Dennis Mahoney, Erin Powell, Lorraine Weckwert

Absent: Jennifer Mahoney, Vice Chair; Nick Pidek, Sue Ludington

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Elaine Greenway to accept Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lorraine Weckwert made a motion to settle the treasurer's report to next month. Elaine Greenway, Sue Osika, Robert Brockway and Erin Powell voted yes. Dennis Mahoney voted no.

Citizen Comments:

Deb Adams and Kevin Lenkhart from the Curwood Festival Committee were in attendance to determine if Gould House would be available for the Queen's Royal Party the day of the Curwood Parade. It was explained that the Historical Commission is planning to have its first Historical Exhibition, "Curwood Goes Hollywood – The Movie Posters and Correspondence of James Oliver Curwood," which will be opening the Friday of Curwood festival weekend. We further explained that the house would be filled with artifacts and set up as a museum. It was decided that the house would be made available on a limited basis knowing that it would be set up as a museum. Deb indicated that perhaps they could set up a tent on the lawn. The possibility of the Curwood Committee seeking out another location was also discussed.

Dennis Mahoney later made a motion that the OHC do everything possible to accommodate the Queen's Royal Party, knowing that Gould House would be set up as a museum and therefore would have limited use and access. Motion passed unanimously.

Communications:

Director's Report – Defer Director's Report to Old and New Business.

Approval: Minutes of Regular Meeting, November, 2014:
Sue Osika made a motion to accept the November minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of Special Meeting for the Propose of Marketing & Advertising ONLY, December 3, 2014

Sue Osika made a motion to accept the December 3 Special Meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes for December Meeting:

No quorum established.

Old Business:

- New budgets pending end of City Hall audit.

Motion made by Dennis Mahoney to contact Owosso Fire Department in order to obtain fire and CO2 detectors; if unavailable from Fire Department, purchase new ones. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Agenda for Year
- Discuss Internet Site Mite Map – formally establish budget and content.
 - **Motion was made by Dennis Mahoney to establish a budget of \$3,000 for the new web site, with the possibility of increasing the budget another \$2,000 pending full OHC Committee approval, with a cap of \$5,000. Elaine Greenway, Robert Brockway, Erin Powell, Sue Osika voted yes. Lorraine Weckwert voted no. Motion carried.**
- Move forward with rebranding
- Possible Initiative with Friends of the Shiawassee River – 3rd Saturday in July
- Discuss Marketing Plan Ideas
- Internship Program partnering with Baker College
- Discuss 2015 Home Tour
- Discuss 3 Historical Exhibitions – formally establish budget
- Past Perfect -
- Computer from City Hall
- Holiday Open House Expenses
 - **Motion was made by Dennis Mahoney to approve the spending of \$1,044.12 for the Holiday Open House, some of which included utilities and decorations that will be used for future events. Elaine Greenway, Robert Brockway, Erin Powell, Sue Osika voted yes. Lorraine Weckwert voted no. Motion carried.**
- Discuss Curwood Festival
- Denice Hours and Expectations
 - Docent Program and Training
- Field Trips to other Historic Sites
- Teacher and Student Curriculum

Sue Ludington's resignation was made known to the Commission.

Elaine Greenway made a motion to hold a Special Owosso Historical Commission Meeting for the purpose of planning the 2015 Home Tour, including any other issues or initiatives that might involve the 2015 Home Tour. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Adjourn: Dennis Mahoney made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.