

Minutes of the **April 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, Lorraine Weckwert and Gary Wilson

Members Absent: Paul Heimnick, Don Schneider

Guests Present: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman Erfourth.

Motion to adopt proposed agenda made by Newman, supported by Forster and approved after the addition of the Comstock cabin tour request.

Citizen Comments: none

Motion by Newman to accept and place on file the minutes of the March 11, 2013, regular meeting. Supported by Wilson and carried.

Members were presented the February 2013 financial report. Motion by Newman to approve report, supported by Wilson and carried with dissent from Forster.

Chairman Erfourth reported that no redraft of the bylaws had been received.

Weckwert arrived at 7:13.

No updates were available for acquisition of the Curwood painting.

The subcommittee for the 2013 Home Tour has met and is planning an additional meeting. Thirteen sites have been obtained and research has almost been completed on those sites.

Another bid for castle floor refinishing had been solicited but no information was available.

A meeting for CultureFest 2013 is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. Fox and Greenway will represent the commission.

Members by consensus agreed that the Gould House would continue to be available for event bookings. A request to review the rental agreements was made and will be placed on the May agenda.

Forster and Erfourth will set a date for cabin cleaning and inform the group of the event.

Members discussed souvenir items available at the castle and the selection process for same. Forster moved to allocate \$1,000 from Administrative Expense/Operating Supplies [for her](#) to buy new items and to reset prices of current items to reflect the market. Support by Weckwert and approved. Erfourth will investigate new options for T-shirts.

Members continued to be interested in formalizing the Endowment Fund to be able to promote it encouraging contributions. It was noted the balance now stands at \$20,620.

It was noted that the family of former Castle docent, John Hughan, had made a donation to the commission in his memory.

Members were informed that a fill-in part-time docent position had been advertised. A general announcement will be made to members at the time an interview committee is being formed.

| Forster reported that the Perry Baptist Church is celebrating a 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary with special events and would like to tour the Comstock Cabin. The church can trace its history back to services held at the cabin. Forster will coordinate this event.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald J. Tobey  
Secretary/Treasurer