

Minutes of the **June 21, 2011**, 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, Crystal Smith, Charles Wascher, Lorraine Weckwert, and Gary Wilson.

Members Absent: Jamie Brummel, JoEllen Hartley, City Treasurer Ron Tobey.

Guests Present: Don Marrah.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Brewer.

Due to the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer, Ron Tobey, Chairperson Brewer asked Shaffer Fox to serve as secretary for this meeting. Shaffer Fox agreed to the request.

There were no citizen comments.

A motion was made by Charles Wascher to accept and place on file the minutes of May 17, 2011. The motion was seconded by Michael Erfourth and carried.

Chairperson Brewer reported that the Owosso Historical Commission was under budget for the prior fiscal year, and that its income was lower than expected. She further stated that the costs were less than income. Crystal Smith made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Gary Wilson and carried.

Guest Don Marrah, the Vice President of Preservation Owosso, requested that the Owosso Historical Commission return unused money that was lent to the Owosso Historical Commission by Preservation Owosso. Don Marrah reported that Preservation Owosso is in good standing with state and federal government reporting agencies. Chairperson Brewer stated that the amount due to Preservation Owosso is \$7,929.81. A motion was made by Charles Wascher to return the money to Preservation Owosso. The motion was seconded by Shaffer Fox and carried. Chairperson Brewer recommended that, for final approval, the request for the return of the funds be presented to the Owosso City Council at its next meeting.

In regards to the planned Home Tour, Michael Erfourth stated that it's been two months since the committee met, but that he and Lorraine Weckwert would meet the coming weekend to do further planning. All members agreed that Chairperson Brewer will provide information about the dates and hours of the Home Tour to Bill Constine at the Independent Newspaper. Michael Erfourth and Lorraine Weckwert reported that the Home Tour is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, and that owners of several homes have already agreed that their homes will be part of the tour.

Chairperson Brewer reported that the Historical Commission received \$785.95 in entrance fees from visitors who toured Curwood Castle during the Curwood Festival. Visitors also purchased between \$100.00 to \$130.00 of souvenirs while at the castle.

Chairperson Brewer reported that a proof of the new plaque, to be donated by Jerry Voight, for the walking bridge, will be ready for viewing soon.

Chairperson Brewer reported that the widow of a collector of Curwood books wants to donate 5,000 Curwood books (24 complete sets) to the Owosso Historical Commission. However, the Owosso Historical Commission would have to pay for shipping. Members discussed various shipping options, and Chairperson Brewer stated that she would contact Bruckman's Moving and Storage for a bid for packaging and shipping the books to Owosso. Members also discussed options for storing the books after the books arrive in Owosso.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Brewer adjourned the meeting at about 8:40 p.m.

**Minutes recorded and respectfully submitted by**

Shaffer Fox