

Minutes of the **May 12, 2014**, regular meeting
of the **Owosso Historical Commission** held
at the Gould House, 7:00 p.m.

Members: Chairperson Joni Forster, members Kerry Baker, Sue Ludington, James Gutting, Lorraine Weckwert, Justin Parker, Elaine Greenway and Director Mitchell Speers

Members Absent: (1 vacancy)

Guests Present:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Forster, but there was no quorum.

7:04 Parker arrived, establishing a quorum.

Chairman Forster asked for approval of the agenda, Greenway moved to approve and seconded by Parker and accepted.

7:08 Weckwert arrived.

Chairman Forster proceeded to the approval of the minutes. Weckwert noted that she had been listed as present in error and asked for a correction. Director Speers noted the error and Parker moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Greenway and accepted.

The communications were brought to member's attention, with Parker questioning an entry from March of 2012. Director Speers agreed to look into it.

Director Speers updated members on several events and activities having taken place in the past month. Items included: the addition of internet service at the castle, inventory grant received, a second donor has come forward to purchase a moose head, installation of a water heater at the castle, and a visit from the Livingston Courier Questers were among the items noted.

Chairperson Forster directed members to updates of old business. Greenway discussed the Home Tour and updated members on progress. Greenway noted the success of ad sales and discussed the upcoming special committee meeting to discuss the budget.

Chairperson Forster noted that had been no update on the OHC Bylaws.

Ludington discussed her desire to have member Gutting move forward with a website and noted the importance of an online presence for the historical commission. Gutting demonstrated possible options for the site and Greenway moved to have Gutting and Speers develop a website. Ludington seconded and the motion passed.

~~Chairperson Forster~~ Greenway moved to have the Curwood Castle floors repaired and refinished by Dick Martin of Accent Hardwood Floors, Weckwert seconded and the motion passed.

Gutting updated members with regards to the former City Hall bell, noting that an A-frame support for the bell, on N. Chipman Road, was not available at this time. Parker and Gutting discussed the construction of a support for the bell and Parker motioned to have the bell displayed at the Woodard Station location, seconded by Greenway and carried.

Gutting made a motion to have the City Attorney look into the return of a carriage believed to have been removed from the OHC collection. Baker seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Motion by ~~Forster~~ Parker to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m., seconded by Gutting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Speers
Secretary/Treasurer