

Minutes of the **April 14, 2014**, regular meeting  
of the **Owosso Historical Commission** held  
at the Gould House, 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Lorraine Weckwert (1 vacancy)

Guests Present: Burton Fox

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

Forster asked for approval of the agenda and several members asked for additions. Additions: Old Business-Sofas, Friday Night event during Curwood Festival, Kiwanis and castle floors/New Business-Firehouse Bell, Community Education and City entry signs. Gutting moved to approve the amended agenda, supported by Ludington and carried 6-1.

Director Speers gave a brief report, updating members on to progress on a variety of topics. Included: grant progress, locks changed on OHC properties, new sales items, new refrigerator, banners, Musicale piano, sleigh moved to Woodard Station, easel purchased, and scheduled visit by Questers.

The communications were brought to member's attention.

A motion was made to accept and place on file the Regular minutes of March 10, 2014, with corrections. Director Speers noted the corrections, member Greenway moved to accept the amended minutes, seconded by Gutting and accepted.

Chairperson Forster directed members to updates of old business. Greenway discussed the Home Tour and the Kiwanis fundraiser being cancelled. Director Speers gave an update on the purchase of a furnace and water heater, noting that there were on hold. Chairperson Forster noted that the update to the OHC bylaws has not been completed. Members shared their dissatisfaction with the delays and guest, Fox and member Greenway agreed to address these situations at the next Council Meeting.

Director Speers reported that a letter had been sent to the Gould House tenants, asking to arrange a date to review the apartments. Only Crawford had responded, but no date was set.

Member Gutting reported that he was continuing to look into having an ice cream social event at the Gould House, during the Curwood Festival.

Director Speers reviewed a Curwood Castle flooring refinishing estimate from Mr. Sandless and reported that the sofas for the castle may not be completed until the fall.

Chairperson Forster addressed new business and Director Speers reported that the Castle would be open, free to the public, on August 23, as part of the Tour Our Town event. Speers also reviewed the Volunteer application and policies with the group and shared with the members, that Michael Gute has begun interning with the OHC.

Chairperson Forster read a letter to members, detailing the deterioration of the castle signs posted at several entrances to the city. She also noted that the signs are the responsibility of the City of Owosso.

Member Gutting discussed a bell, formerly housed at City Hall, and his desire to see it displayed. Along with member, Parker and guest, Fox, agreement was made to look into arrangements.

Motion by Parker to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m., seconded by Gutting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mitchell Speers  
Secretary/Treasurer