

Minutes of the **January 17, 2012**, regular meeting
of the **Owosso Historical Commission** held
at the Gould House, 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Piper Brewer, and members Michael Erfourth, Shaffer Fox, JoEllen Hartley, Paul Heimnick, Lorraine Weckwert and Gary Wilson.

Members Absent: Crystal Smith.

Guests Present: none

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairperson Brewer. Paul Heimnick was welcomed as a new member of the Commission.

There were no citizen comments.

Motion to accept and place on file the minutes of November 15, 2011 was made by Wilson and supported by Heimnick. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. It was noted proceeds from the December book fundraiser was \$1,996. Motion by Weckwert to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Erfourth and carried.

The required annual distribution of the Commission Bylaws was noted as a communication.

Members were thanked for their participation in the Curwood book fundraiser. The Steam Railroading Institute will be consulted to determine if any of the donated train sets are desired for their collection. Remaining sets will be offered for sale.

Member Weckwert will finish reviewing the walking tour brochure for printing. Chairman Brewer has ordered the copies of the 1908 book reprint.

It was noted that during past Curwood Festivals, films based on Curwood's books have been shown in the basement of the Castle. Members agreed by consensus that this would be a worthwhile endeavor for this year's festival. Motion by Erfourth to apply for the Commercial Food Vendor Sponsorship Program as has been done in past years, providing a \$30.00 service club fee. Supported by Weckwert and approved.

Hartley arrived 6:50 p.m.

Members were informed of two requests for children's parties to be held at the Castle. Members requested to review this issue later in the meeting.

Fox arrived 6:55 p.m.

Motion by Weckwert that the Historical Commission purchase advertising in the Argus Press for \$92.00 which would cover four advertisements during the year. Supported by Fox and carried.

Motion by Erfourth to change the meeting date to the second Monday of each month, beginning with the February meeting. Support by Weckwert and carried.

Erfourth left to attend the City Council meeting.

By consensus, members agreed to keep in place current rental rates for use of the Castle and Gould House. Members asked that a Castle docent take responsibility for booking the Castle.

Motion by Weckwert not to allow children's birthday parties inside of the Curwood Castle.
Supported by Hartley and approved.

Motion to adjourn by Fox at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/Treasurer