

Minutes of the **February 13, 2012**, 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, JoEllen Hartley, Paul Heimnick, Crystal Smith and Lorraine Weckwert.

Members Absent: Gary Wilson

Guests Present: none

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

There were no citizen comments.

Motion to accept and place on file the minutes of January 17, 2012 was made by Fox and supported by Smith. Approved.

Weckwert and Heimnick arrived 7:01 p.m..

Motion by Erfourth to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Weckwert and carried.

Motion by Erfourth to offer a letter of support for a grant application by SAC for the Woodard furniture exhibition this summer. Support by Fox. It was noted that the Paymaster building had already been approved for use for the event. Motion carried. Hartley will sign the letter as vice-chair of the Commission. Weckwert offered to write the letter.

Budget Discussion. Members questioned the cabin step item in the budget. It was noted that we had discussed this as a possible Kiwanis project. The Kiwanis group will be asked if they are interested. Members noted that the cabin needed to be cleaned and suggested April or May as an opportune time. It is hoped that the cabin could be opened to the public during the Curwood Festival. Hartley may review items needed for the cabin and publish a letter soliciting donations of those items.

The spring like weather has seen bee activity at the Gould House. They may have reestablished a nest over the rear entrance. Lee Rockafellow from Perry will be contacted by Fox to determine if he would remove them.

Weckwert will contact a skilled plaster repairman for an estimate for fixing problems at the Castle. An electrician will also be consulted by Weckwert about continuing problems with the exterior lighting at the Castle.

Motion by Erfourth to accept budget proposal, supported by Hartley and carried.

Motion to adjourn by Erfourth at 8:00 p.m., supported by Smith.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/Treasurer