

Minutes of the **October 18, 2005**, regular meeting  
of the **Owosso Historical Commission**  
held at the Gould House, 7:00 p.m.

Members present: City Treasurer Ron Tobey, and members Lance Ellenberg, Joane Ford, Phil Heavilin, Bonnie Snyder and Charles Wascher. Gary Wilson arrived at 7:20.

Heavilin received approval from Vice-Chairperson Snyder to chair meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Heavilin noted that the September 20 minutes read "Motion by Heavilin to Wascher to accept and place on file minutes of August 16, 2005; supported by Lameti and carried." The phrase "to Wascher" should be eliminated. Motion by Ford to accept and place on file corrected minutes of September 20, 2005; supported by Ellenberg and carried.

Motion by Snyder to accept the August 2005 Treasurer's Report; supported by Ford and carried.

Wilson arrived at 7:20.

Snyder led discussion on results of the home tour. Members were pleased with financial results as well as comments received from the public. Members were encouraged to offer suggestions for next year, or list ideas that worked well this year. Comments included:

Have one person in charge of each house to schedule hostesses and to conduct training at that house.

Having pictures of one house in paper per week for several weeks was more effective than one article with all the homes featured.

Tickets available at Gould House for one set price brought people to the house and provided convenience in collection.

Newspaper articles in various state papers brought many people to Owosso. Brewer was commended for her work in advertising.

Wilson was recognized for his work on the ticket. Heavilin was commended for his preparation work prior to the event, as well as all members congratulated for a fine group effort. Snyder was recognized for her work as chair of the event and Ford for her work with Hostesses.

The possibility of bus tours to Owosso for tour day was mentioned as well as the idea of scheduling a "fly-in" at the airport in conjunction with the tour.

It was requested that the November agenda include a brainstorming session to identify potential homes for a tour next year. Snyder commented that it is important to have a firm commitment of homes early if additional promotion is desired.

Tobey mentioned that Steve Jurica had replaced a lighting fixture at the front of the Gould House as well as a carriage house fixture before home tour. This work was done at no charge. Brewer will write a thank you note to Mr. Jurica.

It was noted that the Richardson proposal for fundraising had been withheld from Council until additional reference work was done. A draft proposal by Richardson was distributed as well as biographical information and a published account of his work. Motion by Snyder to give Brewer authority to move ahead with proposal following additional background or reference check. Support by Ford and carried.

Adjournment at 7:57 p.m., following motion by Wilson; supported by Ellenberg.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/ Treasurer