

Minutes of the **January 17, 2006**, regular meeting
of the **Owosso Historical Commission**
held at the Curwood Castle, 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Chairperson Piper Brewer, City Treasurer Ron Tobey, and members Lance Ellenberg, Joane Ford, Phil Heavilin, Marti Lameti (@6:55) Charles Wascher (@6:47) and Gary Wilson.

Chairperson Brewer called the meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Motion by Heavilin to accept and place on file minutes of November 15, 2005; supported by Wilson and carried.

Motion by Ford to accept the November and December 2005 Treasurer's Reports; supported by Ellenberg and carried. It was noted that two air conditioners for the Gould House apartments had been replaced for a total cost of \$2,100. Costs to place a unit for the downstairs was in excess of the approved amount.

Wascher arrived 6:47.

In Bonnie Snyder's absence, 2006 Home Tour discussion was postponed.

Brewer reported contact with Tim Richardson had been made and update of items for his Curwood Castle fundraising proposal had been presented. A revised agreement was distributed. Motion by Ford to accept revised agreement, supported by Wascher and carried. It was noted that the final revision had to do with funds received through Richardson's efforts following the completion of the contract period. Richardson has requested a Castle Fundraising Budget to establish goals for the program. The budget will need to be in place before fundraising begins. A list of items was presented to members. Anticipated costs for those items will need to be determined.

The Owosso Historical Commission Bylaws had been placed in member's packets to meet the requirement for a review in January of each year. Motion was made by Ford to accept bylaws as written, support by Heavilin and carried.

Lameti arrived 6:55.

A copy of the 1986 Souvenir of Owosso hardcover edition was distributed. It was noted that soft cover copies were in short supply, but several boxes of the hardcover books had been found. Motion made by Wascher to sell the hardcover copies for \$12.00 each. Support by Lameti and motion carried. It was requested that the 2008 book project be placed on the February agenda for discussion.

Brewer displayed matted prints sent by Mary Andersen, two views of the castle and one of the foot bridge. They are available for \$15.00 each, plus the cost of shrink wrapping. Motion by Heavilin to purchase ten of each print of the castle plus the three already sent. Support was given by Ellenberg and the motion carried.

Ford left at 7:25 to attend City Council meeting.

Lameti reported that the Frieseke house is again on the market. The listing price is \$129,000. Preservation Owosso members are touring the house on January 21, with the intention of developing a plan to preserve the house. Commission members were invited to participate.

It was noted that the 2006-2007 budget will have to be finalized at the February meeting. Members were asked for ideas for projects to receive priority status in the budget. Items mentioned were wiring improvements at the Gould House, as well as carpet for the second apartment. Exterior touch up painting at the Gould House was also mentioned as well as a paint problem in the foyer of the Gould House that needs immediate attention. The items on the Castle

fundraising list were cited as well as the necessary roofing work needed at the Paymaster Building. The status of the Gould House garage was also mentioned.

Members were reminded that May 6th was proposed in general discussion last August as a Gould House Yard Sale date. After discussion, the consensus of members was that a sale will not take place on that date.

Adjournment at 8:30 p.m., following motion by Heavilin.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/ Treasurer