

Minutes of the **January 16, 2007**, regular meeting  
of the **Owosso Historical Commission**  
held at the Gould House, 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Chairperson Piper Brewer, City Treasurer Ron Tobey, and members, Phil Heavilin, Marti Lameti, Charles Wascher and Gary Wilson.

Members absent: Lance Ellenberg, Joane Ford and Scott Newman

Chairperson Brewer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Heavilin to accept and place on file minutes of November 21, 2006, supported by Wilson and approved.

Motion by Wascher to accept and place on file minutes of December 19, 2006, supported by Heavilin and approved.

Motion by Heavilin to accept November 2006 Treasurer's Report. Support was given by Lameti and motion carried.

Motion by Wilson to accept December 2006 Treasurer's Report. Support was given by Wascher and motion carried.

Historical Commission bylaws had been mailed in the agenda packet. As required by the bylaws, members acknowledged a review of said bylaws without recommending any changes to go before city council.

The 2008 book project with Donning was discussed. Donning has agreed to lock in 2006 prices for paper. Brewer reported that an additional \$1,100 had been pledged to the project along with the \$6,600 already donated for that purpose. Members discussed the prospect of soliciting three organizations to offer support by designating a possible loan for the project, if sales did not meet the payment schedule. Brewer will proceed with this concept, with a final decision to go ahead during 2007 to be made at the February meeting.

The Curwood Website project was discussed. Tim Richardson contacted Brewer today. He has promised attention to the project in February. The MSU announcement for the endowed chair at the department of wildlife and fisheries has not been forthcoming, and Richardson may be shifting attention to the school of journalism. Wilson will attempt to determine the status of the endowed chair. Wilson will also make contact with an acquaintance familiar with Curwood's work to recommend someone willing to work on the website project along with Lucille Couzynse. Member consensus was that a fee may need to be paid to hire someone to actually complete the project before Curwood Festival.

Budget objectives for the next fiscal year were discussed. Members agreed that it is imperative to conduct a home tour this year. Suggestions were also made to conduct a fundraiser with an image of the castle imposed on broken pieces of slate roofing removed from the castle when repairs were made. Heavilin will inquire of Douglas Edwards for suggestions as to type of processes feasible. It is hoped that these would be available at the time of the Curwood Festival. Brewer commented that the Kiwanis are planning a jazz festival this summer and have invited the commission to proceed with a fundraiser during that event.

Objectives for expenses were also discussed. Plaster repairs at the Castle were listed as a priority and the need for a new roof at the Cabin was stated. Lameti expressed her concern that work toward painting of the Gould House would take place yet this current fiscal year from funds budgeted for the House.

Members were informed that the commission term of Bonnie Snyder had expired on December 31. Snyder wished to be kept in consideration for future openings, but declined reappointment at this time. Several persons were mentioned as potential members. Interest from an individual will be determined before names are submitted to the mayor for follow-up.

Call to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/ Treasurer