

Minutes of the **March 20, 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, Lance Ellenberg, Joane Ford, Phil Heavilin, Marti Lameti, Charles Wascher and Gary Wilson.

Members absent: Scott Newman and one vacancy

Chairperson Brewer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Heavilin to accept and place on file minutes of February 20, 2007, supported by Wilson and approved.

Motion by Ford to accept February 2007 Treasurer's Report. Support was given by Lameti and motion carried.

Painting of the Gould House was discussed. The person that painted the home last time is out of state and too busy. Jesse Farr was mentioned as a possibility and members were reminded of two bids obtained last year. Brewer will contact Farr to inquire of his interest.

Member Heavilin will make contact with Scott Hildebrant to determine feasible fundraising projects using broken castle slate pieces.

Brewer reported that participant fees had been submitted to the Curwood Festival. Members were reminded of the requirement to work several hours during the Festival. Other options for fundraisers during that weekend are under consideration.

Members discussed the "Welcome to Owosso" sign that has been in storage since the Collamer Park entrance was relocated. Member agreed that it would be appropriately relocated next to the current park sign at the former entrance. Tobey will discuss this possibility with the city engineer.

Motion by Ford to invest \$100.00 in a tourism advertisement sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce printed by the Independent. Support was given by Wilson and motion carried.

Motion by Lameti to participate with the Focus Owosso flower basket project on Curwood Castle Drive at a cost of \$150.00, supported by Ford and carried.

Motion by Heavilin to renew membership with National Trust for Historic Preservation for a \$20.00 membership. Support by Wascher and carried.

Members were reminded that the SAC Art & Antique sale is scheduled on the grounds of the Gould House on May 5th from 9am until 4 pm. Brewer will be meeting with a group proposing that the commission open up the sale to non-profits for a space rental fee. Members were in agreement to allow Brewer to negotiate this possibility. Members discussed having the House open for tours during the sale, but consensus was to have the house open for a shorter time period.

Discussion of the Home Tour for 2007 was held. Members were reminded that at the January meeting the tour was set as a goal for the year with projected revenue budgeted at \$5,000. It was noted that Bonnie Snyder, past chair, would not be involved with a project this year. Members will determine if an interested community member would agree to chair the project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/ Treasurer