

Minutes of the **May 15, 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, Marti Lameti, Charles Wascher, Richard Waters and Gary Wilson
Members absent: Phil Heavilin and Scott Newman

Guest present: JoEllen Hartley (Preservation Owosso chair)

Chairperson Brewer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Motion by Ford to accept and place on file minutes of April 17, 2007, supported by Ellenberg and approved.

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

Tobey reported that work had begun on the Gould House painting project, that an unsuccessful ad had been placed in the newspaper for apartment rental, and that plaster repairs had begun at the castle. The castle repairs have been delayed by a leak and ant infestation.

Chairperson Brewer reported that the SAC Arts & Antiques sale on the lawn of the Gould House was successful.

The six volunteer hours for the Curwood Festival Committee have been volunteered by Ford, Wascher and Waters. The schedule for the Castle on Saturday and Sunday during Curwood Festival will be scheduled by Piper through e-mail.

JoEllen Hartley reported that Preservation Owosso also has voted approval to partner with the 2007 Home Tour with the Historical Commission. She listed the homeowners that have agreed to participate and mentioned several backups. Contracts should be prepared and signed next. A separate meeting will be held to establish the work committees for the project.

Scott Hildebrandt will continue to work with the slate pieces for a fundraiser project, but has nothing workable to date. He will process another T-shirt order as the supply is almost gone.

Lameti distributed a letter from Owosso High School Junior Brent Smith. Mr. Smith expressed an interest in local history and specifically being involved in preservation of Owosso's architecture. Motion by Lameti to name Brent Smith an ex-officio member of the commission, supported by Ford and carried.

Brewer reported the concerns of a castle docent regarding the storage of chairs used for events at the castle. It was discussed that the metal folding chairs are in poor condition. Members concluded that some lighter chairs would make sense for transport between floors. Brewer will bring some chair proposals to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/ Treasurer