

Minutes of the **June 19, 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, Scott Newman, Charles Wascher, Richard Waters and Gary Wilson  
Members absent: Lance Ellenberg and Council Member vacancy

Chairperson Brewer called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Motion by Heavilin to accept and place on file minutes of May 15, 2007, supported by Wascher and approved.

Motion by Lameti to accept May 2007 Treasurer's Report. Support was given by Newman and motion carried. It was noted that Saturday and Sunday Curwood Festival admissions totaled \$789.10 and Friday through Sunday items sold totaled \$290.00. This was above the 2006 totals of \$768.45 and \$185.45. It was noted that Festival officials had indicated a reduced attendance at this year's festival.

Home Tour contracts have yet to be signed with the exception of the Grady/Dimmick Home. Two potential sites have been withdrawn by the homeowners. Members of the commission and Preservation Owosso will continue to obtain homes and to obtain signed contracts.

It was noted that although we received a billing for the Spring Downtown Brochure, no advertisement was placed in the publication. Brewer will contact the Independent concerning same.

Members were thanked for volunteer participation at the Castle during the Festival. It was noted that visitors continue to come to the castle after the five o'clock close. Next year extended hours or a shift to later hours for Saturday should be considered.

Motion by Newman to purchase up to fifty folding chairs for the castle with a spending limit of \$800. Support was given by Lameti and motion carried.

The condition of properties under commission responsibility was detailed. The Castle interior plaster repairs in the Great Room and restroom are partially completed. It was noted that John Archer has been asked to construct a wooden window to replace a deteriorated window in the turret. It was also noted that the area around the front door was leaking and that plaster repairs needed to be done both exterior and interior in that area. Brewer will contact Jed Dingens for suggestions of contractors suitable for repairs. City Councilman Bruff promises that the repairs on the Gould house garage will be completed this summer. The leak on the north side of the Gould house has not yet been identified. Archer will work with DPW crews to locate the source of the leak. It was noted that the East Apartment is unrentable until such repairs are made as the paint in the kitchen ceiling is peeling and falling.

By consensus, members decided that the Curwood Castle would be closed to visitors during January 2008.

The donation of a sterling silver dish and three sets of individual salt and pepper shakers was received from Mrs. Marjorie Schultz. Each item was monogrammed with a "G" and had belonged to the Gould family.

Motion by Newman to ask ten per cent of net proceeds to rent out the lawn of the Gould House for the SAC yard sale and to allow the carriage house to be used for storage of items throughout the year for the sale. Support was given by Heavilin and motion carried with Brewer abstaining.

It was noted that Castle docent Mitch Speers had been in conversation with the Meijer company concerning a Harry Potter book release event at the Castle. The event would take place at midnight and could involve some fundraising potential. Members offered a consensus of support for the project. Members planned to view the upstairs apartments following the adjournment of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/ Treasurer