

Minutes of the **Aug 21, 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 Joni Forster, Phil Heavilin, Marti Lameti, Scott Newman, Brent Smith, Charles Wascher, Richard Waters and Gary Wilson.
Member absent: Lance Ellenberg
Guest present: JoEllen Hartley

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Brewer.

Motion to accept and place on file minutes of June 19, 2007, was made by Heavilin, supported by Lameti and carried.

Motion by Wilson to accept July 2007 Treasurer's report. Support was given by Newman and motion carried.

Members were informed of the various committees needed for the Home Tour project. Assignments were given for VFW Flags, Numbers, Flowers, Plaques, Booties, Visitor Books/Pens, Street Parking, Sunday Brunch, Tickets, and Website advertising. Discussion was held concerning local restaurants who wished to be listed in the ticket brochure. The consensus was that all city restaurants should be given the opportunity to be included and time constraints prohibited this. Several entities were suggested as potential advertiser sponsors. Homes on the tour were listed as owned by Steven Grady, Timothy Oliver, George Hoddy, Scott Hildebrandt, Glenn Passow, David Louwsma, Woodard/ Worch and Woodard Station Lofts. Members were informed that a tea would be held at the Gould House from 2-4 p.m. and that the advertising banner would be strung across M-21 by Dieter King. The Flint, Lansing and Detroit newspapers have been contacted concerning the event and local press has been running weekly articles about the homes.

Members were informed that Mike Bruff will not be making repairs on the Gould House garage. Discussion was held as to the steps to take now, and whether to resume the plans for demolition or to attempt a restoration. Members will seek input from organizations and individuals to gauge potential assistance for a project that must be completed this year to be feasible.

The condition of the castle windows was discussed. Motion by Lameti to obtain quotes to rebuild the windows. Support was given by Heavilin before discussion. Several firms were identified from the Michigan Preservation Network resource guide. The potential for a source from Chesaning was discussed. It would be helpful for the blueprints for the castle to be obtained. An inquiry for those will be made. Members also discussed the potential funds needed for the solicited quotes for exterior plaster castle repairs. It was noted that the leak, possibly at the mansard, on the Gould House had not yet been identified and repaired. Lameti's motion was approved.

Brewer reported that the new chairs at the castle had been received. The old chairs could be sold or donated to another non-profit entity. The condition of the chairs is poor. It is possible that the amphitheater association would be interested in a donation of the chairs.

Brewer also reported that she had received information regarding the potential purchase of picture puzzles for fundraising. Five hundred or one thousand piece puzzles could be purchased in quantities of 250 or 500 units at \$6.30 or \$4.90 per unit respectively. Suggested retail price is \$15.00. More information will be brought at a later meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/ Treasurer