

Minutes of the **February 19, 2008**, regular meeting
of the **Owosso Historical Commission**
held at the Gould House, 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Chairperson Piper Brewer, City Treasurer Ron Tobey, and members Josh Cannon, Phil Heavilin, Gary Martenis, Scott Newman, Charles Wascher, and Gary Wilson.
Members absent: Brent Smith and Dick Waters
Guest present: none

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairperson Brewer.

Motion to accept and place on file minutes of January 29, 2008, with noted correction on page two of the spelling "Washer" to "Wascher" was made by Newman, supported by Wascher and carried.

Motion by Heavilin to accept the January 2008 Treasurer's report. Support was given by Newman and motion carried.

The progress of the Gould House garage timeline was discussed. Brewer reported that Architect Jed Dingens would charge \$2,000 for plans, but he did not feel it necessary for formal plans to be prepared. Retired architect and castle docent, John Hughan, will be consulted for drawings incorporating the structural components necessary to meet the guidelines of the project. Pictures of the old structure and notes taken before demolition were passed around for viewing.

Gary Wilson reported that Jude Wilson would be able to schedule a meeting before March 9th to discuss the 2008 book project. These books would be printed using "on-demand" publishing. Prices and samples of completed projects will be available at the meeting.

Wilson also distributed a sample proposal for a Castle brochure. This brochure will be designed as a mailer and would also work for advertising at the Michigan Welcome Centers. Members were asked to bring suggested changes to the March 18th meeting.

Tobey reported that City Council would act later in the evening on the Cusack proposal for repair of Curwood Castle exterior stucco.

Brewer reported on the train photography competition and art show. The opening reception will be held at Curwood Castle on March 14th from 6-8 p.m. with the show remaining on exhibit until June 1. Brewer reported that expansion of the Arts Council building will not be completed as soon as planned and requested permission to hold the June 3 to July 14 exhibit at the Castle. Motion by Martenis to allow SAC use of Curwood Castle for the June 3 to July 14 exhibit. Support was given by Heavilin and motion carried. Brewer affirmed the continued plan of the SAC to reimburse the commission for lost admittance donations during this period.

Tobey discussed the development of the budget proposal for the 2008-2009 FY included in the agenda packet. Motion by Heavilin to recommend the proposed budget to the city Finance department for inclusion in the annual budget sent to City Council. Support was given by Martenis and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/ Treasurer