

Minutes of the **March 18, 2008**, regular meeting  
of the **Owosso Historical Commission**  
held at the Curwood Castle, 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Chairperson Piper Brewer, City Treasurer Ron Tobey, and members Phil Heavilin, Gary Martenis, Scott Newman, Charles Wascher, and Gary Wilson.  
Members absent: Josh Cannon, Brent Smith and Dick Waters  
Guest present: John Hughan

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairperson Brewer.

Motion to accept and place on file minutes of February 19, 2008, was made by Heavilin, supported by Wascher and carried.

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

Motion by Newman to take a core sample to determine the original color of the Curwood Castle and to paint the castle the original color. Wilson provided support and motion carried.

John Hughan decline to draw plans for the Gould House garage since he no longer has his architectural license nor equipment and is not familiar with Michigan code. A suggestion was made to see if an architectural intern from Baker College would be available for some drawings. Heavilin will pursue.

Members Brewer and Wilson met with Jude Wilson and her husband Mark Hasset to discuss the historical picture book proposal. It was reported that on-demand publishing is not used for hardbound editions. Without yet determining a quantity, it was estimated that a shrink wrapped hardbound book would incur \$20.00 of expense with an additional \$8.00 cost per book for the services of Wilson/Hasset. A checklist of services and of process was distributed. It was noted that \$7,700 was either on hand or promised for the project. Motion by Heavilin to proceed for city council approval for spending these restricted funds on the book proposal with the ability to enter into a contract with Jude Wilson for professional services; and with a target of Home Tour 2009 for release of the book. This motion was supported by Newman and carried.

The 2008 Home Tour was not discussed with the absence of JoEllen Hartley.

Wilson again distributed his sample proposal for a Castle brochure. Members were encouraged to review and bring text changes to the April meeting for finalization.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. after motion by Heavilin and support by Martenis.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/ Treasurer