

Minutes of the **February 17, 2009**, regular meeting
of the **Owosso Historical Commission**
held at the **Gould House**, 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Chairperson Piper Brewer, City Treasurer Ron Tobey, and members Scott Newman, Crystal Smith, Charles Wascher and Gary Wilson.

Members absent: JoEllen Hartley, Gary Martenis and Dick Waters

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Brewer, at the attainment of a quorum.

Motion by Newman to accept and place on file minutes of January 20, 2009 with the correction of Wilson to provide the second for the Arts & Antiques motion; supported by Wascher and carried.

Motion by Newman to approve the January 2009 Treasurer's report with support given by Wilson. Motion carried.

Members began review of the items listed and proposed for the 2009-2010 budget submittal. A review of the items mentioned in January for inclusion was given by Tobey. Motion by Wascher to approve the budget proposal for submission to the city. Second given by Newman and motion carried.

Motion by Newman to welcome a partnership for the 2009 Home Tour with the Shiawassee Arts Council, sharing profits received 50/50. Support given by Smith and motion carried.

It was agreed that a subcommittee for the Home Tour would be established with membership from each participating organization. A meeting in early March was set.

Members discussed several items offering fundraising or educational potential. Three products were reviewed: Castle T-shirts, Judith Eldridge's book, *God's Country and the Man*, and a resin facsimile of the castle produced by Brandywine Woodcrafts. Brewer mentioned that Castle postcard stock was low and new cards might be produced for a reasonable price. It was also brought to member attention that submission of the application to participate as a sponsor of the Curwood Festival had taken place. Brewer reminded members that six volunteer hours would need to be committed to the Festival as well as a willingness to work at the Castle supplementing docent hours.

Motion by Newman approving an expenditure of up to \$200.00 to purchase 2500 Castle postcards. Support given by Smith and carried.

Motion by Wascher to approve an expenditure of up to \$250.00 for purchase of fifty Castle T-shirts. Supported by Newman and approved.

Members will investigate prices and products for other purchase recommendations.

Motion to adjourn by Wascher at 8:20 p.m. with support given by Newman.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/Treasurer