

Minutes of the **November 17, 2009**, 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 JoEllen Hartley, Gary Martenis, Scott Newman (7:05), Crystal Smith, Charles Wascher, Dick Waters and Gary Wilson.

Guest Present: Councilperson Christopher Eveleth

Members absent: none

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

Councilperson Martenis informed the commission that this would be his last meeting as council representative to the Historical Commission. He has received appointment to the SATA board. He introduced Chris Eveleth, who will be the new council appointed representative. Martenis briefly introduced each member to Eveleth, offering generous remarks. Words of appreciation were returned to Martenis for his involvement on behalf of the commission.

Newman arrived at 7:05 p.m.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Chairperson of the commission. Motion by Wascher to retain the current slate of officers. Support by Martenis. Members were reminded that Scott Newman currently serves as vice-chair along with Piper Brewer as chair. Motion by Wascher to close nominations with support given by Waters. Motion to close nominations carried. Motion to retain officers accepted by acclamation.

Motion by Hartley to accept and place on file minutes of October 20, 2009. Motion supported by Newman and approved.

The October Treasurer's report was presented. Motion by Newman for acceptance. Support by Wilson. Motion accepted.

Member Martenis reported the continued intent of DPW to re-roof the Comstock Cabin. Sources of wood shakes are being pursued with costs coming in above the estimate. Brewer will follow-up with the city manager regarding the project. No reply had been received from Jed Dingsens on the firm offering to do the project without labor cost.

Martenis reported that city hall and the police department were interested in obtaining historical pictures of former councils and the old police uniform stored in the Gould House. The historical commission will inventory the items to determine which things would be of interest. Members expressed continued concern about the Oliver Street bridge plaques which were never reinstalled on the bridge.

Members were informed that a donation of \$1,000.00 was received from the Curwood Festival. Newman volunteered and was authorized to be the representative to select souvenir items with Festival staff for the Castle display.

Motion by Newman to alter the Gould House rental agreement to allow tenants one non-exotic pet in the apartment. Support given by Hartley. Ayes by Martenis, Wilson, Newman and Brewer, with a nay by Waters. Motion carried. A committee consisting of Wilson, Hartley, Brewer and Newman will review the condition of the apartments, making recommendations for updating to the whole board.

Motion by Martenis to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J. Tobey, Secretary/Treasurer