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Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes

June 26, 2018

Members Present: Jim Ballard, President; Ron VanOrden, Treasurer; Donald Lyon , Secretary; Larry Thompson, Board Member at Large. Tom Parsons, TMPS member. Absent were Carl Browning and Patty Linn

1) Meeting was called to order at 6pm by President Jim Ballard. Minutes of last meeting were reviewed. One correction is that last month's meeting approved the minutes of 1.23.18 not the annual meeting in March. May Minutes were then approved in motion by Ron.

2) Ron Van Orden gave the Treasurer's Report including Financial Summary sheet for 1.1.18-6.26.18. Opening balance was \$16,963.76. Non cash assets \$3179. Commitments \$12,289.68 and cash uncommitted of \$7541.69. Discussion around donations received in the name of Eunice (Arthur??). Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Don, 2nd by Larry.

3a & b) Membership Items: Last month in Ron's absence Board agreed that Don would establish two MailChimp lists to improve contacts with TMPS members and interest list. Ron objects to using Mail Chimp, apparently for security reasons but also notes that Don is not a member of the Membership Committee. As TMPS has no Errors and Omissions insurance, he is unwilling to turn membership list over to Don for creation of a MailChimp account. Some discussion that perhaps TMPS should obtain E&O insurance for Board. Ron was asked by Jim to offer wording to revoke or alter the decision made last month by the Board to create the two MailChimp accounts.

3c) Don showed an updated Membership card that could be inexpensively printed for less than 10¢ per card using Staples business card stock and printing services. Those present offered several changes in the wording and Don was authorized to make the changes and purchase the card stock and printing, estimated cost less than \$30. Motion to have Don obtain the cards made by Larry, 2nd by Ron. Cards will have to be mailed to members, hopefully included in upcoming mailing involving Tom Adams' book. (3d) Jim reported that 20 copies of Open the Flume Gates were purchased to send to those who donated \$50 (including membership of \$20 or \$30). 3e) Jim requested input from board on Thank you notes to be sent to those making donations and receiving Tom Adams' book. Jim's wife will write a personal note. Tom reported that Don and Bob Arthur had recently visited Mill and asked how donations were being processed.

4 TMPS Publicity/Activities: a) Larry produced copies of old Boston Mill Society membership solicitation cards. Don is to determine if Gateway Graphics in Lebanon was the printer and if the old file could be updated. Ron suggested we try LBCC Print Shop if we needed new layout. Tom and Don will coordinate updating copy as Parks logo may be restricted. b) hats and aprons: TMPS hats were distributed to Board Members to use in publicizing events. The six aprons will be used for cider and other events for promotional purposes. Larry has ordered 15 aprons for personal distribution (he has one now). Don will process his request and also photograph hats and aprons for later efforts to sell via newsletters, events, etc.

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4c) Aug. 25 Hands on History in Brownsville: Tom will transport TMPS's Quern with table (grain and other items) to Hands on History site (park behind BV Library) by 10AM on Aug. 25 and pick up at 4PM. Jim, his wife and new Park aide Thonnie will be there in 1860's costume to demonstrate. Don will be there to help with cider pressing using antique press.

5) Cider events: Some discussion regarding private groups wanting to press their own apples--rent the press? Because of cleaning, setting up requirements and liability this proposition would be difficult to arrange. Best situation is to encourage people to bring apples to scheduled pressing, have them mingled with other apples for better flavor cider. We estimate the amount of cider they receive (x lbs apples = y gallons cider) plus they give a donation to cover jugs and use of press.

6) Regarding purchase of portable Quern for visits to schools and other events such as Brownsville's Hands on History, Jim reports that he has not been able to locate an acceptable lightweight quern but will continue looking. So far the best he has found weighs 90 pounds and cost \$1450 with \$365 shipping from N. Carolina.

7) Grant dollars: Jim reports no response to his application to Linn Cultural Coalition for \$1000 grant to defray School Bus expenses. Underserved school groups have had to pay some of this money themselves. Jim and others will talk with Rebecca Bond about this and other grant possibilities. Larry is still working on Bob's Red Mill donation/grant. Tom suggested Larry obtain a "letter of support" from Bob Moore which could be used in obtaining grants.

8) New Business: Don suggested that the website Membership/Donation page describe how Tom Adams' book is available for \$50 donation. Webmaster Ron requests copy from Don including jpeg of book cover. Don also suggested adding a picture and short essay about each Board Member. Ron declines to have his picture posted but essay OK. Others present comfortable with both picture and essay. Don will coordinate this project and supply copy to Webmaster.

Larry reported on the Aug. 7-10 2019 Vintage Chevrolet VCCA NW Meet in Albany. A visit to the Mill is included. Also--there is interest in revising the Thursday Cruise In using the Mill parking lot afterhours. There is confusion about getting permits. Those interested should contact Tom Parsons, Ranger.

Don suggests a TMPS Face-book page. Ron reported that TMPS possesses a page that has not been activated. He will send copy to Don who will set up page on his own account. Tom will help with content. Some discussion about having a live feed camera connected to account. Camera is available but someone needs to set up. Need lock box for camera. Wildlife postings, images of the Mill would attract visitors.

Meeting was adjourned at 8PM. Next meeting is scheduled for July 24. Secretary reports he will be out of state. Minutes submitted for review by Secretary Don Lyon, June 29. Follow-up information reported by Ron--TMPSA Membership stands at 57 paid members including 25 families and 32 singles. Regarding old Boston Mill membership card, Gateway Graphics has the original file created in Publisher. Don will try to update but may have to provide corrections to Gateway and pay for their time.

Donald Lyon