



Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes--1st draft

March 19, 2019, revised 4.7.19

Members Present: Jim Ballard, President; Ron VanOrden, Treasurer; Donald Lyon, Secretary, Larry Thompson and Patty Linn, Board Members at Large. Carl Browning absent. Roy Thompson, TMPS member present. Guests: Diana Thompson. Tom Parsons present.

1) Meeting was called to order at 5:58 pm by President Jim Ballard. Minutes of February 26 were considered. Ron asked for correction of section 4, sentence beginning "No motion was offered" is amended to read "Motion not voted upon..." Section 9, Sentence reading "She is prepared ..." is struck and replaced with, "Patty is prepared to create a line of Mill oriented amulets to be offered to Mill guests for donations." Minutes for 11/27/18 were considered. The secretary reported that a correction had been made to Section 8, regarding the invitations to the Annual Meeting. He will email the corrected 11/27/18 and 2/26/19 minutes to all Board Members. The 2/26/19 and 11/27/18 minutes were then approved unanimously with motion by Ron, 2nd by Don.

2) Ron VanOrden gave the Treasurer's Report including Financial Summary sheet for 1.1.19-3.19.19. Opening balance was \$22,561.67. Income for that period was \$3,182, leaving cash balance of \$24,833.12. Non cash assets are estimated at \$3,078. We have commitments of \$18,559.79. Cash uncommitted is \$6273.33.

Ron sent a "thank you" letter to the Linn County Cultural Coalition to acknowledge receipt of grant for the silos' logo restoration. He has added a link to the LCCC website to our website. Don mentioned the other LCCC requirements such as displaying a borrowed LCCC banner when we have a formal "unveiling" of the silo work. An LCCC grant evaluation form will have to be submitted at the end of the project--available at www.linnculture.org Budget was accepted unanimously after motion by Patty, 2nd by Larry.

3) Update on Silo Project: a) Tom reports some delays in the repairs being done by OPRD due to asbestos and delays in getting supplies. b) Jim wrote Lori to accept her conditions of employment. c) grant application to LCCC was successful with \$2200 being received (instead of \$3500 requested)

d) Donations. Jim had contacted Liz Rapp regarding her willingness to make a donation. She offered \$500 towards the TMPS silo project, with \$250 now and another \$250 if we could get matching donations of \$250 or more from others. Jim planned to write a donation request letter, which would be sent to Board members for input. The cost of sending the request to all members by USPS mail was deemed as outweighing the intended benefit so there was considerable discussion about sending an email request to the general membership with USPS



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mail to the top 20 donors--those who had received the Mill book. The top ten donors would receive a Tee shirt and "thank you" in the Newsletter (if they didn't object). Don moved that we attempt to get donations by these means and Ron 2nded. All approved.

4) Vision of the Future of TMPS: Jim reported on a lengthy meeting the Friday before with Brian Beth, Historic Structures Project Mgr. for OPRD, attended also by Ron and Tom. Brian suggested that TMPS consider an organizational change to become a "Friends" group, as in "Friends of Thompson's Mills". With this revised classification, Brian could approve many projects that currently require numerous approvals up and down the OPRD chain of command. Tom felt that Brian was very much "an ally" giving us good advice. Another organizational concept is that of "Adopt a Park" which also allows greater freedom than our current organizational set up. The relevant statutes are 390.941 and 390.142 of OR Revised Statutes. Tom will confer with Tami Bauman, the OPRD "adopt a park" expert. Tom later sent links with relevant information. (Need input here on details of actual decision--or actions being considered)

5. Ranger's Report: Tom reports that he has a \$30,000 budget for the Mill's south wall, he is now stripping paint. Basement was flooded this winter, no particular damage. Visitation was up-- 10,000 in last 12 months of 2018--a record. Tom has talked with the Accessibility Coordinator for OPRD. She will be invited to assess needs for wheelchairs and blind. Conifers were removed from western skyline. Mary's Peak visible again. Trees to be hauled away and used in stream habitat restoration.

6. 2019 proposed TMPS activities-- a) newsletter May/November: TMPS will put out a Newsletter in May. Deadline for articles to Ron is May 15. All Board and active members urged to contribute. Carolee St. Clair provided her "Bucky" article. Don will write about mill mechanization and Oliver Evans. Short articles are preferred.

TMPS decided not to follow up with the ad offer for the "Summer in the City" publication. Will continue with Albany Visitor Assoc. ad which gets year round circulation to visitors.

7. New Business: Don mentioned that a small grant, for the silo project, from the Central Linn Community Foundation might be available. Ron moved that Don apply for it. Don 2nded. Unanimous approval. There was a discussion of the long term goal of having working turbines. Very expensive.

Patty Linn reported that her new address was 695 W. 3rd, Halsey, 97348.

8. Next meeting will be April 23, 6pm--perhaps at mill but it was agreed that meeting at Shedd was more practical.



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9. Adjourned at 7:39pm.

(minutes revised, 4.7.19 with addition of word "matching" in 3d. Section 4, Brian suggested TMPS consider an "organizational change" instead of a name change. changes requested by Jim)