

Thompson's Mill Preservation Society
Board Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2018

Present: Jim Ballard (President), Don Lyon (Secretary), Patti Linn, Carl Browning, Larry Thompson (Board Members), Roy Thompson and Bob McCormick TMPS Members.
Absent: Ron VanOrden (Treasurer) due to business obligation.

1) The President called the meeting to order at 6pm. Minutes of March 4 Annual Meeting were approved in motion by Patti, 2nd by Carl.

2-Treasurer's Report: In Ron's absence Jim reviewed the Treasurer's Report that Ron had provided. Opening cash balance of \$16,963.76. Memberships brought in \$1,045 and total income January through May was \$2663. Commitments include \$13,089.57, leaving \$6,126.28 uncommitted. Jim has applied for a \$1000 grant from Linn Co. Coalition to cover TMPS school bus subsidies, which help reimburse school districts for the cost of sending school groups to TM. Motion to approve budget made by Don and 2nd by Larry.

3-Membership Committee

a) Tom Adams's book: Discussion about purchasing (from the ORPD) copies of "Open the Flume Gates" to be given to those who contribute \$50 or more for TMPS membership and one book to each visiting school group. Larry moved, Patty 2nd, motion to purchase 20 books.

b) Membership cards: Discussion about producing membership cards. It is thought that prior President Spencer has or had a membership card template or design. Jim will contact Spencer about getting this document.

Discussion about TMPS flyer or brochure, the purpose of which would be to explain our mission, acquaint people with the mill, TMPS activities and finally, solicit membership and participation. It is believed that Tom has a copy of old Boston Mills friend's brochure. Don is to borrow this brochure to determine if it can be updated or if new brochure is required. Don and Larry will work on this project.

Discussion about regular outreach to TMPS members--one way is to send an email to all TMPS members with the minutes. This MailChimp posting will contain an image or two of Mill, recent events and notices of future events as well as the minutes. This will be the Secretaries responsibility. It was agreed that Minutes should be posted on the website (if they are not already being added). Don moved (and all approved) that Ron will provide Don with a current membership list with names and emails so that he can complete this task each month.

4-School tours update: Jim reported that about 450 students have toured the mill so far this year. Volunteer Thonnie is preparing age appropriate materials to prepare school groups for their visit. A small quern will be ordered which Jim or other docents will use in school visits. Jim reported that return school visits (groups that came last year and had promised to come again this year) were down. No known reason but thought that lapses in communication or lack of a standard method of contacting schools about tours are responsible. More work required here. Don volunteered to contact Brownsville's

Linn Co. Historical Museum about obtaining a list of schools/teachers that regularly come to Moyer House and Museum. Suggested that groups be encouraged to include both TM's and BV's Museum in their field trips. Don suggested that Tom Adams be contacted about possibility of using the images in his book to produce a DVD about the Mill--Ken Burn's style. Something to consider for future.

5-Grant applications: Jim has applied for a grant to reimburse TMPS for the school bus subsidies we currently provide to school districts that visit the mill. Carl suggested obtaining a grant to hire an expert to study the Miller's House as a venue for events, B&B, museum, etc. Study would consider necessary repairs. Carl will contact Rebecca Bond of AVA about appropriate grant to apply for. Larry mentioned that he still hopes to get Bob Moore of Bob's Red Mill to provide a substantial grant for fire suppression system.

6-TMPS Publicity/Activities

a) Newsletter: It was concluded that we are not doing enough to maintain contact with TMPS members, that too many people are not being reached. Tom Adams, for example, did not receive the last newsletter, in spite of being a member. We need to determine if visitors signing guest book with email address are being contacted to join. More important is production of TMPS brochure/tri-fold discussed under Membership cards, above. It was agreed that Newsletter and Brochure would be fully discussed at next meeting.

b) Hats and aprons: Don reported that he has ordered six TMPS hats from Gateway Imprints, which should be ready in another week. These are for Board Members and will be made available for purchase to TMPS Members at some point, too. Don showed an apron from the same company that would be used by docents at cider pressing and perhaps by docents at tours, too. Don moved (Patty 2nd) that he order six aprons to be embroidered with TMPS and logo. This motion was approved. It was also agreed that the aprons be made available for sale (Larry planned to purchase 6 or more for friends as gifts). Don is to send an email with picture of the apron and hat to solicit orders).

c) Brownsville connection: Short discussion of activities in Brownsville that might tie in with a TM's visit. Don and Patti described some of the activities in BV such as Carriage Me Back, and new event in August that will recreate pioneer activities such as blacksmithing, quilting, cider-pressing, etc. Larry reminded us of Vintage Chevy event in August, about 100 families) that will visit the Mill. Patti described a brochure to be prepared by concerned entities that will describe a tour route from Junction City down river to Albany with activities along the way--who to contact about being included? Bob McCormick suggested that an info sheet be produced that would describe the process of getting permission from OPRD to hold an event at the TM's. Jim agreed to author such an info sheet.

7-Tom Parsons: Jim reported that Tom Parsons would no longer be attending Board meetings due partly to his limited time available for Mill activities and also that his superiors expect him to maintain separation between TMPS activities and State Park

activities. Good news from Tom is that TM's is getting a seasonal ranger to help at the mill. Other activities by OPRD are that drinking water will be available in June, silos to be refurbished in the fall. Gooseberries, and squash planted and Tom has been able to source a number of fence posts. Also reported that the Mill is currently inoperable because a belt keeps slipping off its wheels. Roy said it was a matter of adjusting some screws but no one has volunteered to make this adjustment.

8-New Business: Decided that Board meetings will be held monthly, at least during busy summer period, and that the dates will be the 4th Tuesday at 6PM--next meeting to be June 26.

9-Adjourn: Jim adjourned the meeting at 7:25.

Minutes prepared by Donald Lyon and emailed to Board, other attendees and interested parties on May 24. Please send additions and corrections within one week of this date.