

BOSTON MILL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 16, 2015
Teen Challenge Building, Shedd, Oregon

Board Members Present: Larry Thompson, President; Steve Smith, Vice President; Karen Force, Secretary; John Borden, Treasurer; Mike Smith, Bob McCormick & Don Ware.

Absent: Kent Hickam, Kyle Smith & Roy Thompson

Troy Cunningham of Teen Challenge spoke briefly about their programs. Teen Challenge is a men's nonprofit recovery ministry organization providing in-house residential counseling for at risk youth. He spoke about fundraising opportunities such as thrift stores, sponsorship and Shedd Days. He also asked that those who are interested to save their receipts for the Points to Profit program as Teen Challenge is raising funds for minivans. Information regarding cooperating businesses can be found on the Teen Challenge website. Upcoming fundraising dates are June 27, 2015 and August 8, 2015 which is the cruise-in and bbq.

Special Guests: Chet Houser, President of the Monteith Historical Society; Rebecca Bond, Albany Visitors Association.

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Thompson at 11:16 a.m. Chet Houser conducted a presentation entitled "How the Mills Changed the Lives of People of the Willamette Valley". His presentation included power point slides depicting mill production and usage in the 1900s. Exit survey was very positive and everyone enjoyed his well-thought-out exposition. After Mr. Houser completed his presentation Rebecca Bond spoke briefly about upcoming Albany events including the historical home tour. She brought a summer events circular for people to take with them.

Larry Thompson announced the upcoming Shedd class reunion to be held in June. Larry regaled attendees with Mill memories from the 1940s and 1950s.

Larry then opened the board meeting portion of the gathering. Tom Adams, a volunteer archivist for Oregon Parks & Recreation District (OPRD) presented two resolutions that had been tabled by the board at the May 12, 2015 meeting to be reviewed and discussed at the July 2015 board meeting. Tom moved that the membership vote on the two resolutions which earmark funds to be paid directly to OPRD for projects at Thompson's Mills, including a \$15,000 fire suppression study and for archiving projects. Al Lutzeier seconded. Bob McCormick moved resolutions be considered at the July board meeting. No second. Mike Smith objected, stating the resolutions had been tabled at the May 12th meeting. President Larry Thompson allowed the vote. Mike Smith twice told the president and the membership that such a vote was Out of Order. It should be noted that OPRD volunteers and supporters joined the Boston Mill Society during the week of May 11th creating a voting block allowing the hostile takeover of the

BMS board and the vote. Resolution #1 passed 13 to 9; resolution #2 passed 12 to 8. It was suggested that the new board membership be suspended until Julie Whalen returns from her European vacation. No motion ensued.

Several board members stated they will not renew their board status. Mike Smith resigned from the board effective this date as did Karen Force. Steve Smith, Bob McCormick and Larry Thompson's terms end in June and they do not want to be considered for the BMS board.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Force
Former Secretary, Boston Mill Society