



# Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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## Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes--August 28, 2018

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

1) Meeting was called to order at 6pm by President Jim Ballard. Minutes of July meeting were accepted, motion made by Don, 2nd by Ron. June minutes were distributed and will be reviewed at September meeting.

2) Ron VanOrden gave the Treasurer's Report including Financial Summary sheet for 1.1.18-8.25.18. Opening balance was \$16,963.76. Commitments \$11,923.57 and cash uncommitted of \$8730.80. Insurance for cider events is \$50 per event. Donations received in name of Eunice Arthur--thank you notes have been sent to all donors to date.. Revised forecast for 2018-19 to be discussed at latter meeting. Some discussion around Fire Suppression expenses. Move to accept Report made by Patty, 2nd by Carl. Unanimous.

3. Tom Parsons, TM Ranger Tom Parsons presented some wonderful information--not quite yet official, but OPRD has decided to fund the TM Fire Suppression project--probably \$250 k to be spent in 2019-21 on basement and first floor, then additional \$250k for each biennial period until full million has been spent to complete the project.

Tom reported that part of the delay was unfilled positions in the decision-making ranks. These have been filled. Sarah Steele is new District Mgr. Brian Macbeth is new Historic Projects Architect. He will be "our voice". Tom's DM is enthusiastic and will coordinate with TMPS to build a relationship promoting our participation. Joey is Tom's immediate superior. TMPS can now seek grants, which require "joint funding". Part of the new funding will include whitewashing silos though not repainting logos--ORPD will pay entire cost. Some of the turbines are broken--new turbines are \$300k.

Tom discussed projects that might involve TMPS: fencing orchard, labeling apple trees and funding school groups, for example. Carl was interested in being able to hook up one of the roller mills but as they are located on 2nd floor, this project would have to wait. Carl then suggested that TMPS might be involved in more displays that demonstrate the mechanics or physics of various labor saving devices in mill--how the levers, wheels, belts, gears, etc work, principles involved. (Secretary's note: one American invented or applied the principles that "automate" 19th C mills all over the world--mentioned in Old Mill News articles). Larry mentioned a friend in PDX area who might be willing and able to make suggestions. Carl also brought up possible project of study of mill house. B&B, tea shop, (anything other than a museum), were two ideas. Tom said that house heating system needed about \$25,000 in repairs. Wiring, too, needs upgrading. Don suggested that extra funds might be applied to funding school groups. Jim suggested some giveaways for school groups/youth such as imprinted school supplies. Medallions/pins suggested. Maybe fund Tom Adams book for schoolteachers. Tom mentioned an Eagle



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Scout project to fence the garden. Gail Schwenkly (sp?) is prepared to underwrite cost of materials for that project. Re orchard--plans to add cherries and pears.

4. Membership items: a) membership solicitation cards were viewed and accepted by Board, noted that next printing should show Mills instead of Mill on card. Gateway Imprints in Lebanon did the printing, 500 for \$125, significantly cheaper than Staples. They maintain control of file, though. b) Members card showing paid-up membership were also viewed and accepted. Jim and Ron will sign them and include in mailing to TMPS members, especially urgent to get out to those receiving Adams' book. Staples printed, Don did layout. About \$14.

c) "Thank You" type note cards from Vista Print were also admired. Decided to immediately order 100 more and investigate price breaks for bulk orders. Don to do this through Vista Print. \$1 each for order of 10. Add-ons would be linen texture paper, print both sides and have envelopes printed with logo/address--not thought necessary at this time.

d) Subject of Board Members business cards was of interest. Don suggested the same card for all with space to write name and Tom mentioned Moo.com, Printfinity service that can print business cards with different names on same order. Don will investigate.

e) Amendment to revoke 5-22-18 membership list. Ron said he had more work to do on this and wished to respond next meeting.

5. Cider Pressing events update: 4 pressing dates scheduled--September 15 and 29th, Oct. 13 and 27th. This takes us up to Halloween--peak time for cider sale and interest. Don is adding emails from Hands on History event and past cider pressings and will share these with Ron for the TMPS interest list and to grow interest in the scheduled pressings. Don will also contact local papers for publicity. Anyone with an organization to add to publicity list, please contact Don. Tom created a promotional flyer of the 4 events which Board members will circulate and Don will send to TMPS and CFA MailChimp lists. Don and Larry will do interview on Valley Talk in Lebanon (September 12 at 9am--KGAL Radio).

Board is prepared to purchase apples if needed. Two Towns not committed yet--maybe later-- to supplying apples. EZ Orchards in Salem area is one contact--maybe wholesale price.

Carolee, Tom, Carl and Don will meet at Oregon Country Farm the week before Sept. 15 to pick apples and plan the pressing logistics. Date and Time to be arranged.

6. Privacy Policy: Set aside by Ron's request.

7. New Business: Patty will obtain contact info for school groups visiting Linn Historical Museum in Brownsville and share with Jim to invite those groups to include Thompson's Mills. 8. Adjourn: Next meeting is September 25, 2018. Meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm, Motion made by Larry, 2nd Don. Unanimous.