



Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes of Annual Meeting January 27, 2019

Members Present: Jim Ballard, President; Ron VanOrden, Treasurer; Donald Lyon , Secretary, Larry Thompson, Board Member at Large. Carl Browning and Patty Linn absent. Members or guests: Roy Thompson, TMPS member, Tom Parsons, Ranger; Joe Braizie, Doug Crispin, David Bartee, and Katie Knower of Albany Visitors Assoc.

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by President Jim Ballard. Minutes of March 4, 2018 Annual Meeting were accepted--Unanimous.
- 2) Ron VanOrden gave the Treasurer's Report including Financial Summary sheet for 1.1.18-12.31.18. Opening balance was \$16,963.76. Commitments \$10,856.66 and cash uncommitted of \$11,705.01. The 2018 Commitments of (\$10,856.66) was largely due to funds budgeted but unspent. A Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet was also provided showing figures for the past four years. Motion to approve by Larry, accepted unanimous.
- 3) Highlights of a Busy Year were provided by Ranger Tom Parsons. Tom brought color images to showcase many of the 2018 projects begun or completed. They included work on the five Biker campsites and host sites. Volunteer Tom Adams efforts to catalog records, the removal of the hay barn, Ken McGinnis lubricating the old machinery, repairs to the Nook, repairs to foundation, updating the fire hydrant intake level (for year round access), overhaul of silos which has begun, the installation of a weather station at CLHS which is maintained by Central Linn HS Science teacher, river level monitoring providing about four hours warning of river level changes. There was a photo workshop at the Mill organized by the Brownsville Art Association. The NW corner column and about 30 interior columns were replaced by Cal Lewis. Tom thanked the many volunteers for their long term commitment. He also stated his appreciation for the OPRD commitment to repairs and upgrades. The Fire Suppression system will be installed in stages beginning with a year 2021 completion for 1st stage. Landscaping and Painting are other areas where OPRD has committed to spending money. About 1/3 of the OPRD's budget for preservation work will be spent on the Mill.
- 4) 2019 Budget: Jim mentioned \$355 was spent for the portable quern to be used for school visits and other away demonstrations--this was considerably less than had been budgeted. Don and Jim presented information about T-shirt designs and colors and sizes to be purchased (\$1000) as an initial outlay to judge public's interest. This will be less than 100 T-shirts. A larger order to be made after we learn which designs, colors, sizes are selling the best. Items will be made available by donation. Don suggested purchase of 500 postcards of the mill which can be giveaways or contributions solicited. Cost will be \$100. Don also suggested purchasing a Mason Bee house and cocoons to pollinate the apple orchard and as an educational display. Estimated expense of \$40.

Don suggested that TMPS spend \$275 to have a booth at the August 3 & 4 Mother Earth News Fair at Albany Convention Center. Another \$75 is requested to cover materials for our booth--printing pictures and creating display boards. Four to six volunteers will be needed to staff the booth for the two days.

The silo logo repainting we estimate to cost \$4000 based on the \$5000 that was originally spent. Jim is getting an estimate from Laurie Rodriguez. The Orchard and Garden fence project already has \$1000 in the budget. The labor is to be donated by an Eagle Scout candidate and expenses covered by a promised donation.

Newsletter expenses in 2018 were about \$600 for two mailings to our 42 paid up members. \$1000 will be budgeted. School groups have not been requesting reimbursement for use of school buses so we hope to save that expense.

Advertizing in the Albany Visitors Association publication and Take Root magazine are main items in the Advertizing budget of \$800. Cider expenses for 2019 are estimated at \$540 including purchase of apples and jugs. Society operating costs are estimated to be \$2000 with a total budget then of around \$15,500.

Larry made a motion that all of the suggested budget items be accepted, Don 2nd--passed unanimously. Larry mentioned his Hot Rod group coming on August 6-9. Save the date! About 100 cars and 200 people will spend several hours at the Mill on one of these days--extra volunteers and docents will be needed.

5) Ron presented a copy of a Privacy Policy to be made public via website and elsewhere. This mainly states that TMPS will not use members names, emails, etc for purposed other than to promote Thompson's Mills and the Society. His statement was accepted unanimously by the Board.

6) Board membership will remain as is with Jim, Ron and Don continuing their positions and all at-large members agreeing to continue--though Carl and Patty will have to be asked.

7) Next Meeting: 26 February, 6PM, Shedd Fire Station.

8) Adjourn: 2:46 pm.

1st draft Minutes sent to those present on January 27. Errors, changes, additions should be sent to Donald Lyon, TMPS Secretary, at phototraveler02@gmail.com.

1/31/19--made two corrections via Jim--weather station is at CLHS not at the Mill and via bylaws, he does not make motions to accept.

2/24/19--Larry adds that "A local Hot Rod group may have a gathering at the mill at various times this summer. August 7-10 2019 the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America Columbia River Region will host the NW Meet at the Albany Expo which will include a tour of the Mill."