



Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes December 10, 2019.

Members Present: Jim Ballard, President; Ron VanOrden, Treasurer; Donald Lyon, Secretary, Larry Thompson, Alice Royle and Patty Linn, Board Members. Guests: Tom Parsons, Ranger. Meeting was held in the Thompson House.

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Jim Ballard. Our newest Board Member, Alice Royle was welcomed by Jim. Minutes of October 22 meeting were considered and approved with motions by Patty and Larry--unanimous approval.
- 2) Ron VanOrden gave the Treasurer's Report including Financial Summary sheet for January 1-December 7, 2019. Opening balance was \$22,561.67, Income \$16,302.04 and Expenses of \$12,932.62, leaving Cash Balance of \$25,932.09. We have commitments of \$10,988.19 and cash uncommitted of \$14,942.90. Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted after motions by Don and Larry.
- 3) Action Plans: Jim commented on the help that has been received by spouses and partners.
 - a) Cider Committee. This group (Jim, Carl, Don and Tom) has not yet met but will get together before annual meeting to set dates for cider pressing and related activities. Research needs to be done regarding use of Food Trucks, themes for our pressing dates, involvement of OSU athletic groups--Tom will talk to the OSU volunteer organizer to see what can be coordinated.
 - b) Children's T-shirts. Jim described his efforts to purchase TM's t-shirts in children's sizes. Some are now available and hosts will monitor sales. Jim is getting more shirts printed.
 - c) Miscellaneous sale/promotional items: No new info regarding items such as pencils or rulers that had been used in early days of the Mill. There was some discussion that hats and or aprons might be purchased that could be worn by other groups when they were promoting a TMPS related activity.
 - d) Mill Tour for Willamette View Manor Seniors: This was a project Larry was researching. Deemed that distance was too great for the seniors to travel. Of course other closer Senior Residence locations might be interested.
 - e) Newsletter: Latest edition has been mailed or emailed by Ron. Two editions for 2019.
4. Ranger Tom: Tom mentioned that SPOOM Magazine (Society for Preservation of Old Mills) received our Newsletter and requested more information to be included in their magazine, especially regarding the book review of Through the Flume Gates. Don pointed out that the book review had been published by the magazine a few years previously--though could be resent.

5. Thompson House Update: Don mentioned that one of the seasonal activities that TMPS might promote would be to tie in with "Christmas in the Barn" which is a well established Christmas Gift Sale held on nearby Roberts Road. Main thrust of this activity would be some type of joint activity to encourage Christmas in the Barn visitors to also visit Thompson's Mills. At some point the Thompson House would make a great venue for Christmas events.

There was some discussion about the need and desirability of creating a Commercial Kitchen in the Mill House. It was noted that Travel Oregon has money for grants and is interested in promotion of year-round activities. With Commercial Kitchen it would be possible to have a specialty meal prepared in the house--possibly with the LBCC Chef as chief attraction for a summer dinner event.

6. New Business: Additional discussion about desirability of Commercial Kitchen. Numerous ideas presented about activities centered in Thompson house.

7. Annual Meeting: To be held in the Thompson House. Date originally put forward was 26 January, 2020 but Jim in an email changed this to February 2, 1PM.

8. Action items: Cider Committee plan to meet before Annual Meeting. Don has purchased 100 tea towels at Wal-Mart and delivered to Gateway Graphics for printing--half Rose, half Apple. Also--Gateway has good quality cotton tote bags. Awaiting decision as to how many to print and final word on design. So far--print one side with apple or rose, no additional wording other than the same info as on the T-shirts.

Adjourn: Motion at 7:07 by Don. 2nd by Larry. Minutes presented by Donald Lyon, sent by email on December 15 to Board Members and Guests.