



Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes, June 10, 2021

Members Present: Jim Ballard, President; Ron VanOrden, Treasurer; Donald Lyon, Secretary. Board members Larry Thompson, Alice Royle and Carl Browning. Absent: Patty Linn. Guests were Tom Parsons, OPRD, Kim Jackson of Albany Visitors Association, Roy Thompson, TMPS member and Rebecca Martin.

1) Meeting was called to order at 3pm in the Mill courtyard by President Jim Ballard. Minutes of 4.14.21 meeting were approved. Motion to approve by Larry, 2nd by Don. Unanimous acceptance.

2) Ron VanOrden gave the Treasurer's Report including Financial Summary sheet with the following information: Opening balance is \$21,597.84. Cash balance is \$23,701.38. Non-cash assets are \$2635.45 est., Commitments are \$19,283.54 with cash uncommitted of \$4,417.84. TMPS has 243 mailing addresses, 403 email addresses (498 is the total mail list). Unanimous approval to accept report.

3) Ranger's Report by Tom Parsons: TM has joined the Summer Passport program operated by Albany Visitor's Assoc. Program brings kids (and their families) to the Mill and other sites to engage in a learning experience something like a scavenger hunt and to get their "passport" stamped. This program brings 3-4 family groups each week. The big news is that the state park archeologist has cleared The Trail project--ie OK to dig, construct, etc without worry of harming historical/cultural artifacts.

TM has been selected to be one of four sites to be featured in a very high tech filming project involving 3-D, drones, etc. to give viewers the experience of seeing the Mill with X-ray vision and other "super powers". Other sites are Smith Rock, the Whale Watch Center in Depot Bay and Kam Wah Chung Museum in John Day. Tom views the inclusion of TM as a sign that the Mill will receive more and more attention and funding.

Another good sign is that Chris Havel, unofficial park spokesman, is bringing the Oregon Poet Laureate, Anis Mojgani to the Mill. A photograph of the Mill was included in the new Travel Oregon travel guide.

Tom and Rye have been using every possible hour to perform repairs such as fixing a leak in the roof in the area where the silos and main building connect. Tom credits the safety training paid by TMPS as allowing him to do that work. He has also continued to prepare the Thompson's Garage sign for restoration. Don is to check with Lori R. to see if her insurance co. has issued the "hold harmless" agreement.

TM is open for visits. Inside visits are available with guide 3 days per week. Two new interns are working at the Mill. Tom mentioned that Chris and Colin at the Calapooia Watershed Alliance had visited sometime back and were eager to participate in a Native Vegetation Restoration project along the River. Don is to check in with them to see if they have moved ahead with this plan.

4) Old business--a) Painting Project: Park's Department completed painting of one large section of west facing wall. b) Cider Days: TMPS will make cider on August 28, September 18, Oct. 9 and Oct. 30. Tom and Carl will coordinate obtaining the insurance coverage--with Tom supplying form to Carl. Cider Committee members (Carl, Don, Tom, Jim) will meet in July to plan for food trucks, publicity,

etc. c) Newsletter: August 1 is deadline to get copy to Ron. Larry has submitted copy. Carl is considering an article about Boston townsite and Bunker Hill cemetery. (Tim McLaine has completed some improvements at this local site--Tom reports). Alice is considering an article about how modern milling relates to past practices. Tom is working on an article and Don will write about experiencing The Trail. d) letters of support from Mill "friends" are still being sought.

5. Gift Shop Items: Jim reported that a group of artists had recently done some painting at the Mill and Jim had encouraged Dominique Bachelet of Corvallis to produce some post cards and coasters with the silos and chickens theme which the gift shop will sell.

Additional t-shirts are on order. Some new designs including the Peerless flour sack design are being considered. Gateway has this design and many others ready to go.

6. New Business: Don will update the TMPS Membership cards with correct date and changing text to "renewable annually". Will order 500 or whichever is good value number.

The Mill is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday for guided tours only. Will probably be fully open by July 1. Many new exhibits are on display.

7. Next Board Meeting will be August 26. 8. Motion to adjourn made by Larry, 2nd by Don-- unanimous agreement.

(spelling of Rye and Laureate were corrected ref. Jim 6.17.21)