



Thompson's Mills Preservation Society

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Thompson's Mills Preservation Society Minutes, August 25, 2021

Members Present: Jim Ballard, President; Ron VanOrden, Treasurer; Donald Lyon, Secretary. Board members Larry Thompson, and Carl Browning. Absent: Alice Royle. Guests were Tom Parsons, OPRD; Rye Guessford, ORPD; Kim Jackson of Albany Visitors Association, Roy Thompson, TMPS member and Scott Youngblood, Park Manager, ORPB.

1) Meeting was called to order at 3:30pm in the Mill courtyard by President Jim Ballard. Minutes of 6.10.21 meeting were approved unanimously.

2) Ron VanOrden gave the Treasurer's Report including Financial Summary sheet for 1.1.21 to 8.18.21 with the following information: Opening balance is \$21,597.84. Cash balance is \$23,005.13. Non-cash assets are \$1937.70 est., Commitments are \$17,182.29 with cash uncommitted of \$5,822.84. TMPS has 246 mailing addresses, 406 email addresses (502 is the total mail list). Ron reported that the Gift Shop was doing surprisingly well even with shortages of items for sale. Motion to accept by Don, 2nd by Carl Unanimous approval to accept report.

3) Ranger's Report by Tom Parsons: Tom introduced Scott Youngblood, his supervisor and Park Mgr. Scott said that his job is to get the money needed for TM projects. Tom reports that TM is receiving welcomed attention by Parks Department. He and team are making a detailed list with cost estimates of projects they hope to have funded--including fire suppression and The Trail. He and Rye have been prepping the Headhouse (highest point of Mill) for painting. Rye detailed the Self-Guided Trail map (of the Mill) prototype that one of the hosts had created. Tom had sent Board Members a link to the 3-D Mill presentation that allows viewers to see every nook and cranny of the five floors of the Mill. All are excited about this technology and how it can be used. Guests can review handicap access, teachers can give students a preview, fire department can ascertain best ways to fight a fire, etc.

4) Old Business-- a) Garage Painting: The Thompson's Garage sign is completed as far as Lori's work is concerned. There is another area that may have some writing to uncover. Now--all that is needed is a period Union Oil or Unoco (sp?) gas pump for the front.

b) Cider Pressing: With COVID surging ahead and governor ordered Mask rules going into effect similar to last fall it had been decided to cancel the August 28 pressing and most likely the other scheduled pressings, too. All cider pressing on hold for now.

c) Newsletter: Ron has emailed and is mailing the Newsletter--7 pages.

d) Gift Shop: Jim reported that Gateway Graphics was facing delays filling all of our orders but that more T-shirts and tea towels would soon be available. Don presented Ron with receipts to be reimbursed for purchase of tea towels, which were delivered to Gateway for printing.

Don was reminded to update the TMPS Membership cards with correct date and changing text to "renewable annually". Will order 500 or whichever is good value number.

5) Trail Project: Roy mentioned he had daffodil bulbs to donate and could create wild rose starts. Tom said that because of potholes and other situations public was not yet allowed to walk the route of the Trail.

6) New Business: Don suggested that Patti Linn be removed from the board. Ron said she already was dropped for non-payment of dues and lack of attendance.

Larry said he was hoping to recruit Pat Manning as a Board Member--that as former TM employee and local grass seed farmer he would be an asset.

7) Annual Meeting: Jim asked Board to think about how they wanted to handle this. We did not have a meeting at beginning of 2021.

8) Next Board Meeting will be October 13 at 3:30 at the Mill. 9) Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm. Unanimous. Minutes prepared by Donald Lyon and sent to Board members and guests 8. 27.21