

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

DRAFT

April 17, 2018

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at Osborne Conservation Center. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Other members present were Lee Lenth, Larry Stone, Chuck Morine, Jon deNeui, Ken Zichal, Jane Metcalf, and Bob Bente. Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock also attended.

AGENDA

Morine moved to approve the agenda as printed. deNeui seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018, meeting as printed. Zichal seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Morine presented the following treasurer's report:

April 2018 Treasurer's Report

March 20 - beginning balance \$21,226.76

RECEIPTS

APRIL 2 – donation, Kay Connelly \$500.00

EXPENSES

April 10 – Allam. Clayton Elec. \$39.19

April 16 - Alpine Communications \$16.55

TOTAL EXPENSES \$55.72

CURRENT BALANCE (April 17, 2018) \$21,671.04

Morine also acknowledged a recent donation of \$500 from Citizens State Bank, which has an office in Strawberry Point.

Morine noted that he will be paying two invoices from Jansen Products: \$168 for web hosting, and \$80 to post a Josh Funk photo promotion and a David Beck drone video.

Zichal moved to accept the treasurer's report. Stone seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

EARTH DAY VOLUNTEERS

The board discussed projects to involve the 12 Central Community School students who have volunteered to work at Motor Mill on April 23. It was agreed that the students could sweep, vacuum, remove scrap wood, and carry out old fluorescent light fixtures for recycling. The group is scheduled to be at the Mill from 1:30-3:30. Board members were asked to come to help supervise.

INTRODUCTORY VIDEO

Zichal has prepared a draft of a script for the video. Stone has started some editing. Zichal agreed to host a meeting of the video committee at his home at 4:30 p.m. on May 10. Other committee members are Beck, Nikolai, Metcalf, Stone, and Harkrader.

SUMMER TOUR SCHEDULE

Pollock distributed a draft of a volunteers' scheduled days to give Mill tours this season. Board members were asked to contact Abbey Harkrader if revisions are needed.

INTERPRETIVE PANELS

Pollock said the new interpretive panels and mounting bases have arrived. The Conservation Board staff may install them the week of April 23.

DIKE AND INN

deNeui and Nikolai inspected the floors of the Inn with Gary Goyette, and they determined that past flood damage may not have been as severe as previously feared. It seems prudent to repair the existing floor, or to pour a concrete floor, and then deal with minor clean-up after occasional flooding. deNeui recommended that we not pursue the idea of a dike or levee to keep out floodwaters.

Nikolai noted that work on the interior floors should not need approval from the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO), since the exterior of the building would not be affected.

The board also discussed the problem of silt in the basement of the Mill. deNeui described a plan to place planks over the upstream arches to keep water from flowing through during floods.

MARKETING OF MOTOR MILL

Metcalf has ordered 24 soft-fabric t-shirts in a variety of styles and sizes from Esser's clothing in Guttenberg.

The board discussed whether to sell magnets or mugs with a Motor Mill photo. Our cost would be \$13.53 each for mugs and \$4.99 for 2-inch-by-3-inch magnets. Zichal moved to sell only shirts at this time. Bente seconded. Carried.

ART SHOW

The board proposed sponsoring another art show. Zichal moved to set the date for Sept. 29. deNeui seconded. Carried.

Zichal moved to plan to order six magnets and six mugs to have at the show as a test of their popularity. Bente seconded. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CCDG AND FACEBOOK

Nikolai noted that Darla Kelchen at the Clayton County Development Group has information from a seminar about how to better use Facebook with music and other features.

FUND RAISING

Fran Zichal was unable to attend because of an illness in her family. Her presentation will be rescheduled.

UPDATES

ARCHITECTURE SEMINAR

Nikolai has been in touch with Seedorf Masonry to discuss a possible seminar at Motor Mill for historical architecture students.

BASEMENT SILT

Nikolai said there has been no objection from the State Historic Preservation Office to our report on Mill basement archeological probes and our plan to remove the silt. Thus, we can assume we can proceed with the project.

Nikolai will meet with retired heavy equipment operator Charles Bries to see whether it's feasible to build an access to get a truck down from the road to the Mill arch, to make it easier to move the silt as it's removed from the basement. Nikolai and deNeui also are coordinating the project with the Clayton County engineer.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be May 15, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the Osborne Conservation Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Zichal moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Lenth seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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