

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

June 18, 2019

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The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Other members present were Chris Schoen, Jon deNeui, Jane Metcalf, Ken Zichal, Lee Lenth, and Larry Stone. Intern Grace Rodman also attended. Pastor Mark Yackel-Juleen was a guest.

AGENDA

Stone asked to add items about the donation of the Motor school bell and the need to paint the new roof hatch. Metcalf requested a discussion about the need for a portable toilet. Lenth moved to approve the agenda with those additions. Zichal seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Stone moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019, meeting as distributed. deNeui seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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| May 13 – Beginning Balance | \$31,906.50 |
| RECEIPTS | |
| May 28 – merchandise sales | 34.00 |
| Bench sales | 100.00 |
| Donations | 40.00 |
| June 3 – merchandise sales | 35.00 |
| Donations | 32.00 |
| June 5 – bench sales | 100.00 |
| June 10 – merchandise sales | 5.00 |
| Donations | 88.00 |

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| June 17 – CCCB Iowa Room sales | 307.00 |
| Merchandise sales | 44.00 |
| Bench sales | 160.00 |
| Donations | 87.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$1,032.00 |
| EXPENSES | |
| May 22 – Pulse Design, savanna signs | \$2,375.00 |
| May 24 – Alpine Communications | 16.55 |
| May 24 – cash for change | 50.00 |
| June 5 – Dave Beck, battery | 7.48 |
| June 11 – Allam Clayton Elec | 40.43 |
| June 15 – Alpine Communications | 16.55 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$2,506.01 |
| June 17, 2019 CURRENT BALANCE | \$30,432.49 |

Stone moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Zichal seconded. Carried.

Nikolai noted that we have a \$300 bill from James Wilson for installation of the new roof hatch. Lenth moved to approve the payment to Wilson. Schoen seconded. Carried.

Metcalf has arranged with Jansen Products to receive website training costing \$50. Zichal moved to approve payment of that bill when it's received. Length seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1 - Work projects – MMF hired a crane to lift a new roof hatch to the Mill roof and to move a beam to the fourth floor. We are waiting for a new invoice from Dan Gingrich for the crane rental.

Nikolai has talked with Alysworth house movers about installing the new beam on the fourth floor.

Marc Kuempel has told Nikolai that he may be able to repair the Cooperage chimney in August.

- 2 The board discussed the disposition of unused wood and machinery in the Mill. Suggestions included donations to Pine Creek Mill, use by the County Conservation Board staff, and transfer to school industrial technology programs. Rodman has photographed the machinery to begin an inventory. The subcommittee for the project includes Dave Beck, Metcalf, Schoen, Zichal, and Nikolai. The committee scheduled a meeting at the Mill for June 26, at 5 p.m.
- 3 Nikolai has communicated with the Daughters of the American Revolution about a possible grant. The DAR will require a statement from the Board of Supervisors that MMF does not receive public money.
- 4 Nikolai reminded board members to continue attempting to recruit new volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. School bell donation – The board voiced their gratitude to Ken and Joann Fishel for donating the Motor school bell. Several members suggested that even more security – perhaps a larger display case - is needed. Metcalf offered to check with Ishman Jewelry to learn if they might have an appropriate case.

The board discussed whether it would be possible/appropriate to install a sign at the former site of the Motor school.

2. Portable toilet – Board members acknowledged the need for a portable toilet at the Motor Mill site. Zichal moved that the board work with the Clayton County Conservation Board to arrange for a toilet. Metcalf seconded. Carried. Metcalf will contact Jenna Pollock and Abbey Harkrader to work out details.
3. Nikolai recently attended the Iowa State Historic Preservation Society meeting at Newton, Ia.

UPDATES

The board discussed a possible field trip to Pickwick Mill, near Winona, Minn.

Mark Yackel-Juleen told the board about the historic Shalom Hill Farm near Windom, Minn., which he and his wife, Margaret, have helped to preserve and restore as a retreat center.

Metcalf reported on plans for the Motor Mill Art Show, which will be Sept. 7. The event will include an artifacts road show where people can bring historic items for identification. Other plans include sampling of baked goods, a savanna hike, building blocks for kids, sand art, a digital photo contest, and artists at work. Refreshments will be served.

ADJOURNMENT

Zichal moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Lenth seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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