

LITTLE LOG CHURCH AND MUSEUM MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2019

Board members present: Mary Crook, Vicki Martin, Karl Christianson, John Thornton, Leon Sterner, Mark Shepherd. Absent: Katie Johnson. Also present: Carl Miller, president of Friends of Little Log Church.

Minutes of previous meeting: Reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mark reported that the city is partnering with the Oregon Council of Governments for the handling of financial affairs. Reps will visit Yachats on a regular basis and will handle payroll, bill payments, and processing, the LLC&M's report summaries, etc. They also have an IT consultant who can assist in technical issues. The new bookkeeping program called "Springbrook", to be launched July 1, should help make interpretation of Treasurer's report easier.

Curator's Report: Karl showed board material from a 1998 event honoring Carl Miller when he retired as LLC&M director. Material will go into our archives.

Weddings and Events: One wedding was held in April; a June 9th 40th anniversary renewal has been scheduled; there have been several calls of interest for future dates; the renaissance musicians from Eugene, who call themselves Byrdsong Consort are looking at dates for a concert in June or July. Their last concert here was a big success. Mary gave them some open dates last Sunday; possibility of a Buddhist priest visit for meditation, but no date set yet.

Volunteer Report: We are covering shifts.

Landscaping: Jack and Mary Eriksen are moving to Arizona. Their last date will be June 30th. Eriksens recommended a Mike Dedrickson as replacement. He has many years' experience. Karl will get contact information.

Chimes: Chimes ring inside and outside at noon and six p.m. The chimes set to go off inside only at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., however, are not ringing, although we can hear the computer kick in at those times. Vicki said she would contact JD about it. Meanwhile Mark S. said he would be happy to take a look at the computer.

Other Business: (1) The small heaters (one in museum and one in sanctuary) still have not been fixed. Mark S. said the heaters are identical to ones he has at his home, and he could take a look at them. Mary will give him a key so he can come in at his convenience. (2) Carl, Karl, and Leon met with local writer Quentin Smith of Yachats News.com. Smith wanted to get their take on the LLC&M's changes and challenges. Karl said he did a good job on the article. (3) Mark said he spoke with Heather about blocking access to our outside power outlets. She suggested covering them with a tamper-proof locking cover. This would help to discourage homeless and/or vagrants from using them to charge their cell phones (or worse, bringing in hotplates, etc.)

Friends Account: \$9796.09. In addition, Mary turned over \$273 to Friends Account today, which was proceeds from sales of historical pictures and color notecards.

Karl has been researching differences between 501(c)3 and 501(c)4. Board agreed to pursue information with a qualified attorney regarding changing to a 501(c)3. Biggest advantage is contributors may avail themselves of tax deductible benefits for any contribution amount. In addition, it would allow us to do fundraising on a larger

Minutes submitted by Mary Crook

scale. Karl said he has a potential contribution of \$20,000 that has been offered, but he wants to check on the advantage of 501(c)3 status first. Carl has contact information on the attorney, and will write down specific questions in preparation for his meeting. It can be an expensive undertaking, (as much as \$3800) but might benefit us in the long run.

Outreach: Carl and Heather have already met with the Lions Club to explain the LLC&M situation and got a very favorable reception. They are scheduled to meet with the Ladies Club on May 15th, and Mary and Heather will meet with the Yachats Chamber of Commerce on May 22nd. Carl said that several people, both permanent and part time residents, have already approached him with offers to help with fundraising.

There were no events held in May. One 40th wedding vow renewal was held in June. It was to be a surprise for the wife, and the surprise came off beautifully, with children and grandchildren all in attendance, sitting in silence in the sanctuary before the couple came in. The entire event lasted about 20 minutes.

The Byrdsong Consort was a big success. The concert was well-publicized in area newspapers, including *Oregon Coast Today*. There was also coverage in social media and some on-line publications. There were approximately 50 people in the audience. The program consisted primarily of 16th to 18th music performed on harpsicord, viols, violins, hornpipe and recorder. The last three pieces were by The Beatles. Mary introduced the group. In addition she briefly informed the audience about the Log Church's future and building project. The group earned a standing ovation. They want to return, perhaps at holiday time for another concert. They are very supportive of the Log Church, and want to see it restored and very much alive. In addition to the usual use fee, they gave us an additional donation of \$50.00.

The next event will be on Saturday, July 6th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A Buddhist priest, Lama Phurbu Tashi Rinpoche, will give a brief talk and offer a special evening blessing. He has studied with spiritual teachers in Tibet and India, and is founder and spiritual teacher of the Gampopa Center in Annapolis, MD. He regularly conducts pilgrimages in India, and has a yearly schedule of teachings in Indonesia. He was invited to visit Yachats by a local resident, and we are fortunate to have his presence at our Little Log Church. Donations will be welcome and appreciated.