

LITTLE LOG CHURCH AND MUSEUM MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2019

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

Minutes of previous meeting: Reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer distributed and Board reviewed report. The new bookkeeping program called "Springbrook", to be launched July 1, should help make interpretation of Treasurer's report easier.

Curator's Report: None this month.

Weddings and Events: There were no events held in May. One 40th wedding vow renewal was held in June 9th. 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.

Fees for the use of the church to be reviewed next month.

Volunteer Report: We are in need of at least another substitute volunteer, as we only have one right now. Mark Shepherd offered to volunteer.

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, however we cannot independently retain a landscaper. The process now is to go through the city, which must post internally first. If no qualified person is interested, then we can recommend a candidate.

Chimes: Our carillon comes with a five year warranty. Mark is learning the system. Problem he is dealing with now is finding out why the 1pm and 2pm chimes aren't playing inside ONLY. He called the company for

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consultation. Expert at carillon company to respond. If necessary we can ship back for repair. JD was paid \$50.00 from Friends account for his services.

Other Business: (1) Mark brought over a yard debris container for our mowing person to use.

(2) Mary and Heather met with the Chamber of Commerce on May 22nd to explain the LLC&M's situation and the Board's decision about its future. The Chamber meeting was scheduled to be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Unfortunately the LLC&M report came at the end of the agenda and didn't speak until 7:15 p.m. Chamber's response was from more of business point of view, and focused on suggestions for "fixing" the situation. Mary and Heather could have been clearer in presentation.

(3) Board discussed its understanding of city's commitment to LLC&M preservation, i.e. that \$150,000 has been allocated from 2018-19 fiscal year, and \$150,000 from 2019-20 fiscal year. Karl said that the Friends create a specific target for fundraising for the project, and suggested \$100,000 as an appropriate figure.

(4) Karl and Carl reported on their meeting with David Atkins, the attorney specializing in non-profit law. They said the minute Atkins sends in the paperwork we can begin fundraising. Our options are as follows: (a) to simply transfer for a 501(c)4 to a 501(c)3. In that case our cost would be about \$600. That may be problematic because of the fact that the LLC&M has been a (c)4 for so many years. IRS looks very carefully at such transactions. (b) Completely close out the (c)4 and re-open as a (c)3. That could cost about \$3,900 and would be all-inclusive: preparation of legal documents, filing with IRS, training Friends in maintaining paperwork, and support. 501(c)3 status can be very complicated, and option (b) could be the safest way to go. Karl reported that Atkins was very helpful and wants to save LLC&M money if at all possible. When we do change to a 501(c)3 the Friends must meet separately on a regular basis, record separate minutes and reports, etc.

(5) Vicki Martin asked if we should check into a "Go Fund Me" page. (6) Mary distributed a written reply to her questions from Judy Rooks, a professional fundraiser in Portland. Rooks provided some very helpful suggestions. (7) Carl and Karl said John Purcell e-mailed them and requested reports be sent to Parks and Commons ten days prior to P&C meeting. Mary to respond.

Friends Account: \$10,069.09.

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Statistics for Fiscal year 2018-2019: Volunteer hours worked: 993. Visitors: 2,272 from 36 states and 13 countries.

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