

REPORT TO PARKS AND COMMONS COMMISSION

DATE: June 13, 2019
MEMO TO: Parks and Commons Commission Members
FROM: Mary Crook, Little Log Church Board Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator, Events Coordinator.

The Board of the Little Log Church and Museum met Thursday, June 13, 2019. You will receive minutes from that meeting after the Board approves them next monthly meeting. Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting, and a copy of those minutes is included with this report.

FYI, I have consulted two long-time friends of mine in Portland who are professional fund raisers. They have a personal history with Yachats – probably over thirty years of family visits. They have provided some invaluable insights and suggestions about fund raising, which we will share with you at a later date.

Statistics: Volunteers: The newest member of our board, Mark Shepherd, has offered to serve as a substitute volunteer. Substitutes are often called on short notice, and are very much appreciated. Mark has already made himself very valuable as our carillon technologist. He also personally delivered our yard debris container, saving the city the \$25.00 delivery fee charged by Dahl Disposal. He has demonstrated a willingness to be on tap for just about anything we need at the LLC&M – including restocking the poop bag dispenser in the garden. We are happy to have him aboard!

The **fiscal year-to-date hours** for volunteers from July 1, 2018 to June 13, 2019 amount to **937**. The total hours for each volunteer for the current fiscal year will be provided at the end of June 2019, as is required by the city for workers' compensation insurance purposes.

Statistics: Income: We record income from weddings and events, sales, and donations and submit to the city periodically. A report of totals for the last two complete fiscal years and for the YTD current year is included in this packet. In summary, the LLC&M has deposited **\$2,261** for fiscal year 2016-2017); **\$3,164.25** for fiscal year 2017-2018; and YTD for fiscal year through April 29, 2019 has been **\$2,638**.

Statistics: Visitors: YTD this fiscal year (July 1, 2018 through June 12, 2019) our volunteers have enjoyed greeting **2148** visitors from 35 states and 12 countries and provinces (South Africa, Alberta and British Columbia, Canada, the U.K., Sweden, France, Italy, Germany, Israel, Australia, Hungary, and Switzerland). Summer will always bring more, of course. We try to ask our visitors to sign our guest book and comment if they wish. Some slip by, but we think this gives us an idea of who stops by to see us.

Events: 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 – almost a full house. 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 Phurba 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.

Our philosophies and more: (This was in our last report to you, but I wanted to include it again because it is so integral to who we are.) Our volunteers all agree we are ambassadors of Yachats – an enthusiastic visitor center, if you will. Literally hundreds and hundreds of people glean valuable information about the Yachats area – where to go for sights, nature, walks, eats and more. They may be first time visitors or have come here for years. Many get their information from our volunteers. Many return for other Yachats experiences. The information we share link with lodgings, restaurants, parks, shops and more. In short, we are all tied together. Yes, we are more than just a museum; we are part of the place called Yachats.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this information with you.

Sincerely,

Mary Crook
For the Little Log Church and Museum