

PHS Minutes Monday, March 27

Present: Barbara Taylor, Lindley Speers, Maryann Toffolon, Ruth Barton, Tom Jamison, Tim Ragle, Lyssa Papazian, Leah Toffolon, Betsy MacIlsac, Barry Stockwell

Secretary's report:

Minutes read and accepted.

Treasurer's report:

Our River Valley accounts: \$2900 in main account, all other accounts about the same. Some capital money to pass over. Putney GStore LLC account: 35,000 worth of loans plus 10,000 from Preservation Society of VT and \$5,000 from VT Community Foundation to be deposited soon. Fundraising funds will be collected and then transferred to the Putney GStore LLC account. Barbara moves to accept the treasurer's report, Tim seconds. All vote to accept report.

Old Business:

Barry reports on board insurance. Kapiloff insurance in Keene insures the Next Stage board. A little over \$1000/yr for premium. Some NSAP members don't feel it necessary. State of VT provides coverage for not-for-profit boards... But we will be a profit making board with the General Store, so we should look more into getting this. Lyssa will continue to look into options.

New Business:

Was a recent accident at NSAP: Carol Berry fell and broke knee cap just outside kitchen. NSAP is covered for this.

Tomorrow at NSAP: Rural VT tour sponsored by the coop. Potluck. Food, farming, and the future of these in VT. 5:30-8:30.

The Hot Wheelz Spinning Bike fundraiser for General Store was an apparent success. Tom publicized and rode in the event and said it was well attended.

Intense week at the General Store. Have decided to use Associated Grocers who sent a crew over to set up shelving. When they showed up they demanded a commitment that we buy \$4000-5000 worth of inventory each week. Conference call with the "boss" who was very demanding... we gave our word, didn't sign anything. Crew helped to set up shelving, in the end.

Big Curve Ball: we don't own server or cash register can't get it... looking to find some options.

Successes: phone is back up, internet up. Using old style shelving. 5 stand-alone coolers are out. Took out coffee bar. Looking to be a "what's for dinner" store. Grab and go rather than made to order coffee/food. Three of the four key employees are committed to coming back.

Table in back now available. Liquor license--test is taken and should be ready soon. Lyssa is going to do bookkeeping and payroll and Elizabeth Bissell may be helping out. No one may work for free at the store...all must be paid minimum wage, but there may be some ways for board members to volunteer Abijah Reed volunteered to join in. Could we see whether we could have a similar option as member workers at a coop?

Thwing Mill is in hands of Jonathan Bump and Greg Wilson' lawyer to be resolved. Wheels are turning.

Betsy has two signs stored at her house. East Putney train depot sign, S.L. Davis sign. We could bring these back to the G. store.

Lyssa is planning to hold several events for kids and community members in the upstairs. Cupcake or Cookie decorating. **Volunteers needed.** Glass plate negative identifying--could this be an opportunity?

Shelving could be used upstairs in our storage room here at 15 Kimball Hill. **Volunteers needed to measure this room.**

Still need **volunteers for this week's office hours.**

Bonnett case back in the office because piano has been returned to the community room.

Lindley moves to adjourn, Lyssa seconds. All in agreement.