

**Trout Lake Grange #210**  
Minutes of the meeting of  
February 26, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Officers Present: Jean Wellman, Maxine Bulick, Dave Wampler, Coralee Warner, Dale Fitch

Other members present: Margo Burtchaell, Denise Heard, Nina Pochna

Visitors: Mary Yeck, Cheryl Hysmith, Ray Thygusen

Treasurers Report was read and approved; annual income and expenses were also presented; Monthly cost to run the Grange Building is \$761.00. Minutes from the 1/22/09 meeting were read, corrected and then accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Dale Fitch has researched propane costs Mid Columbia Propane quoted a price of \$1.89/gallon, as opposed to the \$2.69/gallon we now pay Cascade Propane. Motion was made by Dave, seconded by Coralee to switch to Mid Columbia Propane effective March 1, 2009. Passed.

Dale has not yet met with Geoff Wicks for an energy audit; he has an appointment with Darren Hepner to obtain a quote for insulation.

It is too early to put down rock and gravel, we need to wait until the ground dries.

Dale will refinish the wood floor in the West room May 5<sup>th</sup> thru May 16<sup>th</sup> ; Grange will not be rented during that time. There was also discussion about replacing the dining room floor, as well as opening up the wall so that we have one big room, with divider doors; this was tabled until later when a building fund can be established.

Saturday Market: Dave Wampler gave a very detailed report on the progress of the Market, including a schedule/calendar of events and a budget. The budget shows a possible net profit of \$12,000.

The Market will run from May 23<sup>rd</sup> thru September 6<sup>th</sup> 9 AM to 3PM

The Market has six sub-committees: Administration, Marketing, Market Host, Artists, Farmers, Kitchen.

The kitchen will offer a variety of breakfast and lunch items

Coffee will be furnished by Hood River Coffee and will include coffee, coffee makers and our own TL Saturday Market mugs which we can sell.

There will be 7 Wine Tasting fundraisers, featuring local wines which will be sold by the glass and the bottle, with all profits going to the Grange.

A Children's Market will be offered on the first weekend of each month

A member of the Grange will serve as Host/Greeter to the Market to answer questions and provide information to attendees.

There is a possibility of entertainment during the Market on some weekends, this is still in the development stage.

Dave will handle the Market money and budget. Coralee requested that he keep a set of books that could be shown to the state auditors, should they ever wish to review our accounts. He uses QuickBooks and will set up a Market account. He asked that a separate checking account be established for Saturday Market, with \$1000 seed money from the Grange to get things started.

Mary Yeck moved and Dale Fitch seconded that this be established. Passed.

The Quilters will be a special feature of the Saturday Market. Dave explained his vision of a permanent storage and display area for the quilters that will be built along the east wall of the dining room. This will offer swing arm racks on which to display the quilts, much like carpet display racks, plus a closet area where supplies can be stored, all with doors that can be locked for security. Saturday Market will hire a local craftsman to build this for the Grange.

The Quilters have no funds and cannot afford to pay vendors fees to Saturday Market; they will be asked to donate a quilt for a fundraiser for the Grange instead.

#### Scholarship Fund:

In the past, the Grange has provided funds to the Community Foundation for scholarships. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.

Ray Thygesson asked that a member of the Grange join the Fair Board in order to provide continuity between the two organizations. This because the Fair was originally started by the Grange and they feel it is important to have the Grange represented. Dave Wampler suggested that a member of the Fair Board join the Grange and become the liaison between the two organizations.

The Grange has received a \$500. grant from the Fair Board, which will be added to the kitchen fund.

#### Kitchen Needs:

In order to be a qualified commercial kitchen, we need: A commercial Refrigerator a three tub stainless steel dish washing sink with space for air drying. With these in place we will be legal and will no longer need special permits. A rough estimate for this is \$3,340.00. Coralee pointed out that we have \$2,388. in the Kitchen fund now and made a motion, seconded by Cheryl that we use this fund to update the kitchen. Passed. There is also some Horizon grant money that can be used for this. Cheryl and Dave will shop for the needed items.

The March St Patrick's Day event has been changed to a potluck with music and a \$10.00 per person donation that will go to the Grange.

Dave is putting together a newsletter that includes all the above information and will be mailed to all Box Holders in the near future.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.