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ELECTIONS NEXT MEETING

Annual elections for the positions of Village Trustees will be held at the Membership Annual Meeting, March 6, at the Episcopal church in Waynesville at 7:30 p.m.

Standing for trustees' positions will be all the present ones with the exception of Linda Lee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, according to the Pioneer Village Code of Regulations.

Serving on the Nominating Committee were Mic Richards, Stanley Ireton and David Hastell.

Good attendance is urged at this important meeting.

TOLL HOUSE VOLUNTEERS ASKED

Enclosed with this issue of The Log is a list of the weekend dates throughout the summer that the Village will be open to visitors on an admission-donation only basis. Trustees decided last fall to levy a 50¢ fee for all summer visitors, and to encourage them as well as provide an area and person to meet the public. The host and hostess program will be instituted again, with the Toll house as a point of residence.

Please remove the paper, decide what dates you can help and then return it to one of the committee members, so the schedule can be set up.

The program was successful several years past when Helen Wall managed it, and then the hostess had to sit on a folding chair under a tree next to the parking lot! The Toll house should be a big improvement. This is a way to help rather than lift logs or mow grass or chink houses. Interesting too.

1984 SYRUP SEASON SLOW

Maple syrup has been in the Making for the past two weeks, but with the exception of one good run, little sap has been in the buckets. This probably was due to the unusually warm weather in February. Homer Marsh has boiled sap twice, getting about two gallons.

Approximately eighty buckets are out in about the same locations as past years. Good crews have turned out to help.

SAMPLE SYRUP MARCH 4TH

Sugaring-off Sunday, or the day set aside for pancakes and syrup (honest, real, no-foolin' hand made Village maple syrup) and sausage, has been designated as March 4 at the furnace building to the rear of the Hatfield house from 2 to 5 p.m. Members and guests are invited.

Participants are urged to wear boots and dress for the weather. This is a semi-outdoor activity.

\$5,000 DEMAND REJECTED

Trustees recently met with legal counsel Jackson Hedges in Lebanon to review a demand made by James Simpkins for \$5,000 he claims due him when he was not permitted to operate the food service area for the rest of 1983. Trustees voted to discontinue his services after they found his work unsatisfactory. Trustees unanimously rejected the demand.

IRETON REPAIRS TRACTOR

Stan Ireton recently had the rear tire of the tractor repaired at Lebanon Ford Tractor after the tire went flat over winter. It was needed for sap gathering. Jim Merrick also changed the trailer flat tire.

COORDINATOR EMPLOYED

At the second meeting in February, Linda Lee was employed as Coordinator for the Village, the first job-for-hire or employee the Village has had.

The Coordinator's job will cover a multitude of duties, such as planning and running the festivals, supervising the Toll house, keeping a calendar of the many goings-on, helping volunteers, orientation for tours and groups, and handling general public relations and daily activities. In many organizations such as the Village, a director does much the same work. Linda will work at minimum wage March through June as a CETA employee (salary divided between the Village and CETA) and July through half of September on Village monies only. Her position explains the "administrative expense" in the new budget for 1984.

TWO AND ONE-HALF DAYS NEEDED

Miriam Lukens reports as of the 21st of February that too many schools are coming to the school days seminars to fit into two days, so a third day is now planned. Since many schools must leave early in the afternoon due to bus schedules, the afternoons are very light. Three forenoons, some through lunch, will accommodate most of the children, May 2, 3 & 4.

BALMY WEATHER UTILIZED

February, which is usually disagreeable, has seen pleasant and even balmy weather at times this year, allowing work at the Village.

1984 REALISTIC BUDGET SET

At a meeting at the Don Richardses' in early February a 1984 budget with program of activities was hammered out by the trustees.

Anticipated income from the several sources available to the Village was set at \$66,521 consisting of: Memberships at \$2,500, cash donations of \$500 the spring festival at \$5,000, the music festival at \$2,000, the fall festival at \$13,000, the Civil War days at \$1,500, the crops at \$1,000, income from food service at \$10,000, store at \$6,000, interest on savings at \$1,200, memorials at \$500, Toll house donations at \$1,500, school days at \$150 and miscellaneous income, \$200.

Added to this are the Plecker fund at \$800, the Lukens fund at \$2,000, and savings at \$7,500, and current checking monies at \$10,321.

Expenditures are delegated throughout the various houses and features of the Village with small maintenance sums for buildings already up and larger sums for buildings not yet completed. Among these are: \$4,000 for the Hawkins house, \$1,500 for the Furnas house, \$5,000 for the store (an addition), \$1,000 for the Toll house, \$9,000 for the Bullskin Inn, \$1,500 for the Collett house, \$1,500 for the blacksmith building, and

\$2,000 for all other miscellaneous buildings. Also, \$500 was set aside for Elam house furnishings, \$700 for postage, \$2,500 for printing, \$2,500 for supplies and equipment, \$2,000 for electricity, \$2,500 for insurance, \$700 for sanitation, \$1,000 for sales tax, \$6,500 on start-up expenses for the several festivals, \$4,500 for the store inventory, \$4,000 for the kitchen supplies, and a new item \$2,500 for administrative expenses.

The budget, trustees feel, is lower, but more realistic this year, and reflects lower expenses but also more of them. As for income production, the lower amounts reflect less, as averages for the past several years, and particularly last year, which was plagued by bad weather. The Toll house appears to be becoming a good source of restoration funds.

As a result of the joint meeting with the Corps and ODNR, trustees were asked to develop the area across the road from the Inn for festival camping rather than the area used last year inside the marina road. Mic and Don Richards, Linda Lee and Frank Crabtree have been working to cut multiflora roses, saplings, brambles and other brush.

BY-LAWS VOTE SCHEDULED

At the April 3 meeting a change in the Code of Regulations will be proposed and put to vote. It has been a concern of the members that each year all the trustees are re-elected, a situation that opens a possible break in the continuity of the operation and philosophy of the Village. It will be proposed at that time to elect only three trustees each year instead of all nine. Each trustee will serve a three-year term. Trustees will draw straws to serve a one-, two-, or three-year term starting in 1984.

FEWER HIKERS, TRAILS MUDDY

The 1984 state park winter hike was a successful event even though more lightly attended, according to Harold Anderson, whose Boy Scout troop served refreshments at the Village barbecue building, the half-way point.

According to Anderson, about 300 hikers were on hand, with about that many meals served, and they netted a profit of about five dollars. The Scouts are involved, he noted, as a service gesture, and not to make money.

WORK WEEKEND SET FOR MARCH 10, 11.

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