



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS
ASSOCIATION
Keizer, Oregon**



Secretary/Editor Penny Esplin

MEETING NOTES FROM September 28th, 2023

We met outside in the parking lot. There were 12 members present, including 3 new members. The new members are Lisa and David Badger and Thelma (Ann) Thurman.

This was an informal but important meeting.

- Our president Troy has resigned.
- There was talk of our M.Digger's Association "dissolving".
- Our attendance hasn't been very good.
- The key to the church has been lost, we have been meeting outside.

Nominations for Officers:

-Wes Jeffers volunteered to become our **president**, and **David Schmidt** stepped up to be our **Vice President**. **Penny** will remain **Secretary/Editor** and **Terrie Fox** will stay on as our **Treasurer**.

-We will vote on this during our October meeting.

-We discussed our situation about our association continuing or not. We took a vote. All but 1 member voted "yes" to keep the club going. So, we are still a viable association!

-Penny agreed to call Marlea about getting a duplicate key to the church.

-Reimbursement: For our claim's fees and paperwork, Penny wrote a check to Claudia for \$71.30 and one to Joe for \$82.36. Also, a check to Wes for prizes at Miner's Meadow for \$80.00.

Claims Officer: Claudia is stepping down from her job as claims officer. It is a lot of work. Penny will probably take charge on this.

-IF WE DO DECIDE TO SELL DT AND FOSSIL FLATS: We would need to fill out Quit Claims and have Terrie/Delmon sign for DT and Penny sign for Fossil Flats and then get it notarized. But it really doesn't look like we will sell either of those 2 claims. These 2 claims are down in Josephine County, west of Grant's Pass and north of Selma, on Brigg's Creek.

-Bank: Penny made a **deposit for \$150.00** on Sept 29th and a deposit for **\$90.00 on Oct 9th**. These deposits were all from **paid membership dues**. Our checking account looks good.

-Membership Claims Packet: We haven't handed out any Membership Claims Packet to our new members. It needs to be revised. And there is some discrepancy regarding our LNFJeeter claim. Claudia said she will re-word the packet introduction. More discussion on this is pending, but needs **ATTENTION ASAP**.



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-On Oct 7th Troy dropped off the paperwork from being president, and the raffle tickets and prizes. He left everything at Penny's.  
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-On Oct 13th, we had a small but informal meeting at Shari's. Wes (upcoming president) and Tammy, Walt and Penny (secretary) and Terrie (Treasurer). We held this meeting to help clear the air about what is going on with our club and how to go forward.

-Regarding calling The Millennium Diggers an Association or a Club? Wes looked up the definition of both and he says they are one in the same.

-We can call ourselves a "Club" in casual conversations. But refer to using "Association" in all official and/or legal documents and public speaking.

-We are NOT non-profit.

-Penny contacted Marlea about the key to the church. She said she hasn't been to any services there for a while and a lot of her friends that were going have moved on to other churches. They have a new pastor. She said she's never met him. So, the fact that the key is lost, so is our meeting location. It was such a nice place to meet! Marlea is not doing well right now. Let's send her some positive, healing wishes.

-**MEETINGS:** We will now hold our meetings at 7:00 at the Shari's Restaurant in Keizer. There is a nice area for us to convene. Ordering food is entirely optional.

-We want our meeting to be as informal as possible and to not put any demands on members. We want continued membership!

OUR NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 26TH AT 7:00 AT SHARI'S IN KEIZER. This will be our last meeting of the year (due to the holidays)

-Please think of some places and/or outings you would like to do. What are you interested in? Metal detecting? Looking for gold? Rockhounding? Everything? We would like to come up with some outings for us to do together for next year's calendar.

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