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Promenade Minutes of April 5, 2021

Call to Order: Chef Beaton called the Promenade to order at 1830 hours.

Roll Call of Officers: All elected/appointed officers and Cheminot members were present except George Cruz who was absent. John Edwards and Cliff Taylor were excused.

Reading of the minutes of past meetings: The Correspondant read the minutes of the March 1, 2021 Promenade. There being no objections, the minutes were accepted as read.

Bulletins and Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Finance Report: C.I. Lacy presented the Finance report. He stated that our bank balances are as follows:

Voiture Acct.	\$22,735.78	Savings Acct.	\$ 93,515.02
Retail Acct.	\$ 3,248.11	CD-3248 (4/19/21)	<u>\$ 55,714.39</u>
Operating Acct.	<u>\$30,137.62</u>		<u>\$149,029.41</u>
	<u>\$56,121.51</u>		

The PPP Loan has been funded at \$35,000.00. Foundation funding will be reported on a quarterly basis. Our CD matures on April 5th. We have until April 19th to decide to roll it over or cash it in. Comcast is in the process of upgrading our equipment and removing unneeded items on the account. Our monthly bill will be reduced by \$100 to \$125 dollars per month. Clark PUD and Northwest Natural Gas have been put on an equal pay program, so we will know what we are going to pay each month. This status is reviewed quarterly. This action will help during budget planning. The bookkeeper and bartender have been working with the WSGC to establish procedures for Bingo fundraisers and use of pull tabs.

Historian: Dixie Hoteling stated that she is still looking for stories from our voyageurs to be consolidated and forwarded to National. She also addressed the procurement of engraved bricks for the memorial wall around the flagpoles. She covered price, type, procurement procedures, etc.

Membership: The Chef de Train stated that the Voiture remains at 90.9% renewed membership. 211 of 232 have renewed. He asked that all members present stop and check the sign-in roster and if they know anyone who has not renewed, to call them to see how they are and remind them to renew.

Sickness or Distress: Chef Beaton informed us that Cliff Taylor is sick in quarters. Bob Brennan spent last week in the hospital but now is at home.

Unfinished Business: Chef Beaton announced that the Yard and Garden Sale held in March 26th made over \$600.00. There are still items left which we will schedule for sale in the future. There are several decorative bricks and firewood available for free. Just haul it away.

New Business: Chef Beaton requested a volunteer to coordinate the Labor Day Car Show. Jim Resleff (CAB) requested that a walk-in door be obtained and installed in the Connex Storage Container in the back of the Chateau. He is in the process of cleaning the box out to store high usage items. However, the doors are extremely hard to open. They are not designed for frequent use. A walk-in door will cost approximately \$1,400.00. *Phil Yesson offered a notion to allow \$1,400.00 for the purchase of a walk-in door for the Connex Storage Container. Steve Slegers seconded the notion which was approved.* Walt Smit wanted to know where the contract for Ms. Barbara Loucks was. He stated that she was to be terminated on March 1st. Chef Beaton said that was not the case. The minutes will be reviewed by the Correspondant and the question will be answered at Cheminot.

Good of the Voiture: Chef Beaton reminded us the Grand Du Promenade will be held here at Voiture 99 on the 23/24th of April. Registration forms are located at the sign-in desk. The process for conducting Bingo Fundraisers has been completed and approved by the WSGC. Committee Chairs and Program Managers interested in this type of fundraiser should see the Correspondant for details. The Promenade National is scheduled for September. The Correspondant will publish the registration form ASAP. Leonard Mills suggested that the military organizational flags at the entry

way be replaced as they are weathered. The subject and need of volunteers was adressed. Volunteers are needed to help on Friday Breakfast.

Special Projects: Jim Benson gave an update on the progress of the flagpole project. He stated that he is in the process of obtaining information regarding the soil composition around the preferred site of the flagpole installation to ascertain if the soil can support both the flagpoles and the planned Memorial wall. The price would be approximately \$2,000.00. Jacob McGreevey stated that he knew an engineer located in Vancouver who might be able to do the required testing. ***Jerry Jacobus offered a notion to have the testing done so the project could continue. Todd Boyd seconded the notion which was approved.*** He (Jim Benson) asked if a vote of the general membership was required to proceed with the lighting contract for the Chateau and Parking Lot lights as the project was approved by the Cheminot. ***Jerry Jacobus offered a notion to approve the installation of the lighting upgrade. The notion was approved.***

Voyageur Les Lomax gave a rousing talk on inspiration. The talk centered around gaining and improving relationships with our fellow voyageurs and building enthusiasm in our group. He encouraged us to get to know each other and to do the best we can to help each other.

50/50 Drawing. Ron Fryer won the drawing receiving \$71.50 and chose VAVS & Nurses Training as his designated programs.

There being no further business to bring before the Promenade, Chef Beaton adjourned the meeting at 1955hours.

Frank Falbee
V99 Corres.

