

PRESIDENTS AND POTLUCKS...

Our last official meeting of the year will be a potluck dinner ⁱⁿ ~~honor~~ ^{of} the president and past presidents of our society on Monday evening, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Troutdale city park building. (NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME AND MEETING PLACE.)

The rules of the dinner remain the same. The society will provide a meat dish, punch and coffee. Plates, napkins and silver are available but you may bring your own.

An important business meeting on the purchase of the Harlow House will follow. The house will be open at 5:30 p.m. for visitors.

ABOUT THE MORTGAGE...

If all goes well at the Troutdale city council meeting May 11, we will be ready to vote on the purchase of the Harlow House, May 17.

The nuts and bolts of the contract, subject to more revisions from the council, is as follows:

The Troutdale Historical Society will purchase the house, (no land, just the structure), for a price of \$20,000. The down payment will be \$10,000 - \$3,000 in cash and a \$7,000 credit for our investment in our former museum in the park. The \$10,000 balance will be paid in annual installments of \$500 a year plus 10 percent interest.

Should the society cease to use the house for museum purposes it will revert to the city. If the city decides to sell the property around the house, the society will have first right to buy the entire property or a 95 by 110 foot lot at fair market value.

The city agrees to carry the fire and liability insurance on the house and property and the historical society will assume maintenance of the grounds with help from the city. Questions? Call Ted Schulte, 665-4756.

HOW TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS...

One of the fundraisers that will be instrumental in making the payments on the Harlow House is our upcoming June 13 ice cream social and plant sale. A sign-up sheet for volunteers needed to dish up sundaes and banana splits, host the museums, and work at the plant sale will be at our May meeting.

We will need plants, baked goods and flowers for the event. This year we will open the annex to craftspeople who would like to rent a \$5 space and sell their wares at our country fair. If you know someone who would like to rent space, have them call Sam Cox, 665-9086.

NEWS NOTES...

The retired teachers from the Oregon Retired Educators Association who visited the Harlow House and Depot museums last month made a \$30 contribution...Mary Knarr celebrated her 80th birthday May 1...Historian Sharon Nesbit has visited Edgefield Manor and submitted a "shopping list" of historic items that we would like Multnomah County to donate to us...Ruth Warren, 85-year-old grandmother of Sharon Nesbit, has restored an 1859 quilt for the society. It is on display in the Harlow House...Ken and Linda Grassman have completed wallpapering their two rooms in the Harlow House and will be turning their attention to outside work for the summer. They will be featured in an Outlook story about their experiences in living in a museum...Claire Belsher of the local garden club federation gave us two flats of plants for the grounds of the Harlow House...The Harlow House will be open each Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. beginning June 7th. And the depot museum will be open on the first Sunday afternoon of each month, thanks to volunteers Lee and Paul Beaulieu.

Remember to bring your recipes on May 17th!!!