

Orient Land Trust

Regular Meeting

December 2, 2001

MINUTES

- I. Neil Seitz, as Chairperson, called this meeting to order at 11:00 AM.
- II. Quorum present: Neil Seitz, Terry Seitz, Linda Joseph, Jim McCalpin, Doug Bishop and Sonia Walter. Invited guests were Miller Hudson, Chris Miller and Betsy Miller.
- III. Added to the agenda (item VI B) – discussion of the State land trade.
- IV. Minutes from March 31, 2001 read and unanimously approved. Moved by Linda, seconded by Terry. Minutes from October 7, 2001 read and unanimously approved. Moved by Jim and seconded by Linda.
- V. Treasurer's Report:
 - A. Donations are \$1525.00
 - B. Pledges total \$4250.00
 - C. Terry presents a rough draft for 2002 based on an average of donations, income from candy and aluminum sales and an average of expenditures.
 - D. Neil suggests that the OLT take over expenses currently paid for by Valley View starting January 1, 2002. He also wants an opinion if the sale of See's candy is an unrelated business income and if it counts as taxable income.
 - E. OLT needs a tri-fold colored pamphlet.

No vote was taken to approve the treasurer's report.

- VI.
 - A. Form 1023 (rough draft) was presented to the Board with openness to ideas for how to keep public outreach going and increasing.
 - Form needs to be finished including proposed budget.
 - Terry informs Board that a news blurb concerning positions for the Board went in December's issue of the Crestone Eagle. (Copies were circulated among Board members.) She will also try to send copies to the Center Post-Dispatch, Mountain Mail and the Valley Courier.
 - Jim will provide an attachment for Form 1023 which outlines the teaching and classes he's held using the property currently owned by Neil and Terry.
 - B. Neil and Terry received a letter from the State that declared that the proposed land swap wasn't considered high priority and would not be part of the October 2001 – October 2002 fiscal year. It was not regarded as advantageous for the State.
 - This would also be another reason to get Form 1023 finished and acquire 501(c)3 status – it may facilitate land trades with the State.
- VII.
 - A. Nominations for new directors: six people expressed interest but we only received résumés from five.
 - Miller Hudson and Chris Miller present themselves to the existing Board as potential members.
 - Terry moves that the existing Board hold off choosing new members until the local news releases provide people in the San Luis Valley a chance to apply. Seconded by Linda. Unanimously approved. Amended to include that all applicants receive a letter stating that the Board will consider them and will make a final decision at the next meeting. All in favor.
 - Linda suggests setting a closing date for accepting applications.

- VIII. Date for next meeting set for January 27, 2002 at 10:00 AM.

CORRECTION: Next meeting will be Saturday, January 26, 2002 at 10: AM

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Sonia Walter, Secretary 1/26/02

Neil Seitz, Chairperson 1/26/02