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Tractor Test Museum Committee Minutes 12/11/96

Present: Charles Fenster (phone), Lou Leviticus, Bill Splinter, Shirley Trauger, Steve Melvin, Lester Larsen, Franklin Walters, Bob Kleis, Al Brhel, Richard Maresh, Glenn Hoffman

Meeting called to order by Chair Splinter at 1:45 p.m. in 225 Chase Hall.

Motion to make Dr. Estes a committee member as the new UNL Museum Director was passed to replace Genoways.

West half of the roof has been repaired. Many more roof joists were replaced than anticipated. Cost was \$20,000 over the original bid. About 50 alumni have responded to our fund drive for supporting the roof repair.

Dr. Splinter is contacting tractor manufacturers to locate support. John Deere is sending a representative to check out the museum before they commit. We are hoping tractor manufacturers will provide \$50,000.

Franklin Walters suggested that Dr. Splinter contact Iowa-Nebraska Tractor Dealers Association. Lou Leviticus will provide contact.

Discussed inviting donors to become members of the Friends of the Tractor Museum.

Franklin Walters is preparing scale models of how the inside of the museum might look. Sheila Smith will prepare sketches for use in soliciting funds and laying out the museum.

James Estes arrived and was introduced.

Contributions continue to come in from the solicitation.

Treasurer's Report (Shirley Trauger): \$440 currently in treasury. Bill Splinter will submit papers for tax exempt purposes.

Lou Leviticus suggested we contact farm magazine publishers to gain their support.

Richard Maresh suggested we invite Roger Welsh to join us since he likes Alis Chambers tractors.

Bob Kleis suggested we make up an organization with a known board, officers, and friends group.

Franklin Walters asked about the policy for volunteering for or in the museum.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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