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Chair Splinter called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

January 20 minutes approved as mailed.

Treasurer Trauger reported a balance of $410 in our bank account.

Our account in the UNL Foundation will be $3,232 after roof replacement is paid off and $5,000 from the Hitchcock Foundation is deposited.

Roof replacement is now complete and it is water-tight.

Heating—The condensate line for the existing heater is plugged. Gas space heaters have been located by Facilities Management to substitute for the existing heater system. Physical Plant thinks there is a gas line in the building to accommodate the gas heaters.

Owner of a self-propelled cultivator would like to bring it to the museum for the grand opening.

Chair Splinter is negotiating a written agreement with the owner of a Waterloo Boy tractor to get for the museum. Splinter is also trying to get an original Ford tractor for exhibition. Owner wants to sell it rather than loan it.

Tractor Test will show two new Case-IH tractors being tested during the opening of the museum.

We have signs describing each tractor in the museum. We may wish to make new signs.

Splinter will contact Tooker and his Grange to help move tractors into the museum before early March.

We need to prepare handouts for visitors, describing museum and listing our needs for new acquisitions.

The Big Red Club (an antique tractor group) will tour the museum on March 5 and 6. We anticipate four bus loads of visitors. Splinter needs help on March 5 and 6 between 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. both days.
Photos of tractors at Mead were distributed. The museum is planning to sell these surplus tractors at auction on February 28. There were no objections to selling these tractors.

Splinter circulated a photo of toy tractors placed on a scaled drawing of the museum to show possible location of tractors. He also distributed copies of the floor plan for the museum.

Tractors to be displayed for the Big Red Club include:

- Ford
- Waterloo Boy
- Self-propelled cultivator
- Titan from Trauger
- Heider
- Moline Universal
- Fordson
- Farmall regular-first general row crop
- Allis Chalmers-rubber tires
- Ford Ferguson-3-point hitch
- Tip-over Allis Chalmers
- Egging cab on tractor
- Model-T pick-up
- John Deere-D
- McCormick Dowin
- Farmall M
- Farmall Cub
- Farmall C

The committee meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.