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## **Report to the Members—2021 Activity of The St Vrain Mill Preservation and Historical Foundation**

**Introduction:** This report to you, our members, provides an accounting of the Foundation’s activities in 2021, outlines our anticipated activities for 2022, and provides transparency regarding our financial status and prospects.

### **Activity in 2021**

#### *Public Events:*

- We were prepared to have the Mill open for “drive by” visitors starting Memorial Day weekend, but had so few visitors, which we blame on COVID, we were open only on the July 4 and Labor Day weekends.
- We hosted our own Annual Meeting and “Stone by Stone” Fundraising campaign in September.
- We were the site of a quilt show in October in conjunction with the Mora Fall Fest.

#### *Physical improvements:*

- Completed the final four stair treads of the first-floor stairs.
- Completed the interior electric and first and second floor lighting.
- Completed the rear exit stairs and door, thereby meeting the requirement for a second, emergency exit.

#### *Grants, Fundraising, and Loan Status:*

- We expended the funds from our earlier grants - \$5,284 from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for rear steps and doorway and \$8,330 from USDA Rural Development for lighting fixtures and conduit.
- We embarked on our “Stone by Stone” fundraising campaign for the wall repair. Goal is to raise at least \$50,000. By years end we had raised slightly over \$28,800.
- We paid \$6,000 on the private-party loan taken out in 2018. Outstanding balance is now \$36,000.
- As in 2021, opportunities for significant grants in 2022 appear to be limited. The HPD Historic Preservation grant will not be available again this year. At this point in the restoration process, we are focusing on “in-house” fund raising for the wall repair.

#### *Other Activity:*

- Although not directly related to the St Vrain Mill restoration, the Foundation facilitated a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey of the St Vrain cemetery. We acted as the contracting entity for the project with funds provided by Christine St Vrain-Fischahs. The survey identified several additional, unmarked, grave sites, some outside the current fence. Basically, the survey showed the cemetery to be larger, both in terms of space and number of graves, than previously thought.

**Anticipated Activity in 2022:**

- *January:* Initiate request for Occupancy Permit for first floor. (This may or may not be successful, but at least we will know what more needs to be done for the permit.)
- *January-February:* Meeting with potential contractors on wall repair to determine wall repair scope of work given that we have over \$35,000 available. We may be able to repair one of the two walls this year with funds currently available.
- *Late Spring- Summer:* Wall repair
- *Summer:* Assuming COVID-19 restrictions are loosened, annual members meeting could be held as early as June.
- Any events involving non-members i.e. the general public, will require an Occupancy Permit. Having open house days or hosting the quilt show will depend on forthcoming guidance from the State.

Note that our 2021 plans to participate in Fort Union Days, The Cleveland Mill Fest, and the Santa Fe Trail bicentennial observance at Bents Fort, La Junta, Colorado, were cancelled due to COVID. Fort Union Days and the Cleveland Mill Fest are on the table for 2022.

**Financial Overview:** The Foundation took in approximately \$48,890 in 2021. The sources were as follows:

Members' Dues and Contributions	\$14,050
Balance of DAR & USDA Grants	\$10,972
"Stone by Stone" Contributions	\$28,800

Total expenses for 2021 were \$34,120. Of that, \$7,345 was for the lighting, and \$ 7,113 for the rear exit. \$7,038 for the loan repayment. Other significant expenses (utilities, insurance, etc.) for the year totaled \$12,100.

As of December 31, 2021, the Foundation had \$25,208 in our savings account (construction reserve) and \$12,893 in checking. All the money in the savings account is designated for the wall repair. Funds in the checking account not needed for on-going expenses will be available for the wall repair also.

**Certifications:** The Foundation continues to meet all the requirements as a 501(c) (3) federal non-profit organization. We also are current regarding documentation required of charitable organizations by the NM Department of State and the NM Attorney General's Office.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
The St Vrain Mill Foundation Board of Directors