

The Heritage Network

Board Meeting
March 19, 2012

Present: Joe Barreca, Susan Dechant, Jackie Franks, Karen Meyers, De Palin, Bill Sebright, Grady Knight, Don McLaughlin, Melinda Lee, Grace Hubbel, and Sue Richart.

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Barreca at the Loon Lake Old Schoolhouse at 9:30 a.m.

Financial Report: Member dues were received and deposited. Total in accounts \$6524.44. Treasurer was reminded to send out statements to members for renewal.

Minutes of the last meeting: Motion made by Susan Dechant to approve the minutes. Jackie Franks seconded. Motion carried.

Preserve America: Joe Barreca reported that work has begun on SCHS material. SCHS has around 100 cassette tapes. Member organizations were asked to indicate whether they are seeing requests/visits due to the project. Joe is still working on setting up a volunteer get together/recognition event. The project is processing cassette tapes from Art Miller regarding the Springdale and Camus Valley area.

April meeting: Bylaws require the annual meeting take place in Colville April 16 9:30 a. m. Joe Barreca will check to see if the SCHS back room is available. If not, we'll see if the library basement room is available. Joe mentioned that the SCHS has an interesting quilt exhibit going on. Joe will see if Kitty Johnson, Mary Walker re-enactor, can present, if not maybe someone from the Spokane Preservation Association.

Old Business: There was a discussion about surplus equipment available to non-profit organizations. Don McLaughlin is familiar with the individual at EWU that handles this and will contact him.

New Business:

The National Park Service asked THN to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Park Service and THN to ease the process in awarding contracts for oral histories and other possible contracts. The Memorandum of Understanding did not set a time for termination of the agreement, but it would occur on request from either side.

Motion to sign the MOU made by Susan Dechant and seconded by De Palin. Motion carried.

National Preservation Conference in Spokane October 31 – Nov 3 Field Trip Proposals. Madeline Perry, Ferry County Heritage Highways North, contacted Joe Barreca about a brochure about towns along the way and interesting historical locations. The Colville Preservation Association will try get a booth. Welcome to members to provide material. Once the booth and registration costs are known, Melinda Lee will contact the THN to request assistance in paying the costs. Members are welcome to provide material for the booth. Booth costs only include one reservation, so members would have to pay their own admission. There was discussion about updating the mud map for display at the booth. More copies are needed.

Washington Museum Association Conference June 13 – 15, Seattle Center. Theme is innovation, inspiration and sustained futures. Joe Barreca and Sue Richart will be presenting on adding meta data to images using Photo Mechanic.

Mini grant proposals:

City of Colville Historic Preservation Commission proposal by Melinda Lee. They will again set up a booth for the Rendezvous Days in Colville. They will re-combine with the encampment, showing off hunters and trappers, and blacksmithing. The encampment stages old time music, lectures and the Preservation Commission would like to also do presentations. The grant would provide funds for reprinting the brochure and adding four chairs and a display easel.

Research on history of the Indian Agency Cabin proposal by Donald R. McLaughlin. Don is requesting financial assistance in researching the history of the Indian Agency Cabin. He has permission from Washington State University, holders of the Simms papers and other material for the time frame that deals with the Indian Agency. Copies will go to all member organizations. Don is also working with local tribes and will try to work with them on the Indian side of the history.

Members discussion the proposals and decided to give last year's and this year's grants.

Grady Knight made a motion to award the 2011 grant was awarded in the amount of \$1,000 to Don McLaughlin for Indian Agency Cabin research. De Palin seconded. Motion carried.

Grady Knight made a motion to award the 2012 grant to the City of Colville Historic Preservation in the amount of \$995 for printing brochures and material for use at the Rendezvous Days. Jackie Franks seconded. Motion carried.

Bylaw Change: Susan Dechant presented the proposed change to the bylaws that she and Karen Struve worked on.

Secion V – Election

Directors shall be elected by the general membership in *November or the next scheduled meeting*. Nominations are made by a nominating committee which is selected by the board no later than the *October* meeting. The nominating committee is responsible for ensuring that the proper number of heritage members are elected each year. Directors shall serve a term of four years.

The proposed bylaw changes moves the election of officers up to avoid issues with cancelled meetings during the winter months. Members will vote to accept at the April meeting.

New Business:

Don McLaughlin mentioned that **Bridges to the Past**, Patrick and Kamber Farnemen, in the Chewelah area, were presenting demonstrations of timber frame building, and native skills. There is an on-going raffle, Bridges to the Past, Patrick and Kamber Farnemen . <http://www.bridgestothepast.org/>, Patrick's contact information: cell 937-4179, home phone 936-1599. It was suggested they should consider joining THN.

Themes:

Sue Richart proposed that THN choose themes for the next five years and have members prepare, at least, a partial exhibit to go along with the theme and have mention of the other member organizations' efforts along that way. The list presented included the words "At the Lake", "Baseball", "Boating", "Creameries", "Farming", "Fishing", "Logging", "Military", "Mining", "Orchards", "Ranching", "Schools", "Vehicles", and "Winter" and "Summer". She suggested that we partner with other organizations, who are interested in those topics to increase our visibility. Each year, we can add a theme for the fifth year out. De Palin, LLHS, suggested that the first theme, 2013, be Schools. Sue requested the members think about the proposal.

Members Updates:

Chewelah Museum: (Don and Jackie) Barb Swanson has not been well. The museum belongs to the city. They are working with the city to use the over \$7,000 from Preserve America to address storage issues, adding heat in a room during the winter so the curator can actually work, and they plan to go to presenting thematic displays.

Loon Lake Historical Society: Along with working with Sue Richart for the Preserve America project, they worked on displays, and plan to use some of the basement space for the Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society to create displays in basement.

NeWGS: Their workshops, Ask a Genealogist at the Colville Library, have been very successful. Susan Dechant and other members continue to research the names at the military monument at Courthouse. Look for her next article in the Silverado Express. With assistance from Jackie Franks, they received permission to re-publish For Whom the Bell has Tolded.

Valley Historical Society: Jackie Franks is working on a history of Valley. WSU will possibly will help preserve the Valley School House.

City of Colville Historic Preservation Commission: Melinda Lee, their historical buildings have copper plaques with year. One of their members is creating a wooden sign for downtown merchants, on their outside wall. They do have openings on the commission and you don't have to be a City of Colville resident to be on the commission.

G2 Video Service: Grady Knight digitized a VHS tape from three different sources of skiing in Chewelah and putting it on DVD for the Chewelah Peak Ski Club.

SCHS: The owner of the Buick vehicle shown on the recent Silverado Express wants to donate it to the SCHS, but it has to be stored in a garage, because of the wood trim.

Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society: Bill Sebright received a nice 1913 scrapbook that has Deer Park photographs including some of the Arcadia Orchards. Their website has changed it is now www.CDPHS.org.

Meeting adjourned. 11:54 a.m.