

The Heritage Network
Board Meeting
March 18, 2013

Call to order: President Joe Barreca called the meeting to order at 9:40 at the SCHS Learning Center in Colville.

Present: Joe Barreca, Jo Nullet, Russ Larsen, Melinda Lee, Susan Dechant, Karen Struve, Kathy Berrigan, Grady Knight, Bill Sebright, Janet Thomas, Don McLaughlin, and Jackie Franks. Sue Richart is excused.

Minutes: A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Susan to approve as amended.

Financial Report: Sue prepared a report and left it for the board to review.

Preserve America: The project has more time on it than was thought. PA has exceeded the expectation by several thousand documents. Work continues in preparing them for presentation. Some oral histories are also being worked on.

Interpretation and future use of the archive is a subject that needs to be developed when this phase is completed.

Military road: Don reported on the project's progress. The initial investigation phase is phasing down and the next will be the coalition of people and organizations along the road. They will help with the next phase and help with a description of the deliverable. Detailed data collection will be the main focus of the next phase. See attached report for details.

The Mullen Road has a coalition that has worked on it for 10 years. It goes along our road until Cow Creek where it goes east into Idaho. Several people have come forward to help.

There was discussion about the archive of the project research. "Spokane Historical" was developed for information to be able to be accessed by various methods including cell phones. They have offered to put the road archive on it. The look of the archive and how to access it was discussed. They also offered to develop the same kind of archive for us for a price.

Future grants for signage was discussed. This and the "publishing" the archive will have to be done on grants in the future.

Don asked if people wanted to be involved. The next phase is the Coalition Phase where people along the road will help gather info and give ideas about the Archive phase. Use his e-mail if you want to be involved.

Cabin: A new letter to Simms as Indian Agent was discovered. Someone in Chewelah has papers also and has offered them to SCHS. It is unknown if the original or digital copies will be offered..

Tracing the land ownership has progressed. It is quite different that we had thought. Maps have been made of the various transactions.

Lucy McFadden Simms is being researched. It is believed that she was the daughter of a territorial judge and her sister married to the mayor of Olympia. Research progresses on this issue. She is also thought to be a niece of Mrs. U.S. Grant.

Dames grant was awarded for just under \$5,000 and will be matched with a similar amount from the community in labor and equipment. It is for electrical infrastructure underground and exterior lighting fixtures.

Most endangered building status has been applied for with the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation. Repair of the sill is essential to the survival of the building and was an essential part of the application..

The archaeological digs are still pending because the application process is still pending. Mobius Science Center will provide students to help when the dig happened.

The floor needs to be removed and replaced. We are looking for a group to take out the floor, so if you know a group, get them in touch with the SCHS.

Rendezvous: This year there will be an historic encampment as part of Rendezvous. August 2, 3, and 4 are the days.

Melinda Lee is asking people to come and speak or spend time there to talk to people about the history of the area. Melinda will be coordinating, so contact her if you are available or know someone who would be.

Historical Booth: Issues about having it stored and displayed were discussed. Melinda will check with the Colville Chamber of Commerce building. Don will also check about the cost of adding hardware to the structure so it can be more easily set up and taken down.

Camera: THN owns the camera PA has been using was discussed.. Grady reported that the use of the camera by PA probably exceeded its life. There are now some dead pixels, and there will require an overhaul or be replaced. It is recommended that it be replaced for archival use but can still be used for non-archival purposes. It will no longer be available for archival use. When it is returned it will only be used for uses not requiring archival quality. The price of this kind of camera has been reduced over time so replacing it might be the best thing to do.

Annual Meeting: Ideas were requested for a program at the general membership. Karen will check to see if the Colville Public Library is available.

Member Reports:

Kettle Falls Library: Jo still gets photos donated from time to time. Lady Lions bought a new display case for the display of historical items.

NEWGS: Sue finished the research on the monument names. A few more names came forward.

The American Legion is thinking of making a plaque instead of individual names saving space. Karen is putting up names on their webpage of the people at Evergreen Cemetery. A yard sale will be held the first week of May to help cover the cost of the cemetery upkeep.

Kettle Falls Interpretive Center: They are trying to get children involved. The canoe building last year was very popular. They are working to changing the approach to the site. The annual student writing contest is coming up.

Pend Oreille: Swan Festival coming up this next week. Kalispel Lake is on a main flyway for these birds. The Wellness Center is the location of the Festival. Go on line for a reservation for the bus tour, lunch and speaker etc.

Clayton Deer Park: Still receiving photographs. NW Profiles featured the Arcadia Orchards. Peter Coffin has been making presentations.

SCHS: A reliable person is now working on the Stevens County Historical Register. The first items placed on the register are the building survey done by the county is the late 1970's and early 80's. Any historical item, site, building, etc could be included.

Silverado: Don Birch is talking about leaving the Silverado this fall. That will be a great loss.

Valley: The School House is finally shaping up. WSU came and helped with a community meeting.

Mullen Road: A conference will be held soon and Don will present for the Military Road,

President: Joe gets lots of information, mostly e-mails, about this and that and wondered if we wanted to receive them or not. He will send them and we can delete.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00