

The Heritage Network Board Meeting Minutes - July 15, 2013

Call to order: President Joe Barreca called the meeting to order at 9:30 at the Colville Learning Center. **Present:** Joe Barreca, Sue Richart, Bill Sebright, Jackie Franks, Don McLaughlin, Melinda Lee, Joan Nullet, Kathy Berrigan, Judy Bitton

Minutes: Minutes from last meeting being unavailable, Don moved that approval be delayed until next THN meeting, seconded by Bill, passed.

Next Meeting: The August 19 meeting is set for the Chewelah Museum, pending confirmation. (Renaming that museum after its founder, Walt Goodman, has been put off for now.)

Financial Report: Sue presented the financial report with a bank balance of \$4,115.53 as of July 15, 2013. All grants have been paid to date.

Preserve America: Joe put up images yesterday for the S.Co.Historical Society. Discussion of Black Diaries that was scanned, dating from pre-World War II. An unusual feature was listing 5 years to a page, so that comparisons in weather, for example, could easily be seen. This prompted Sue's History Dollar contribution: She related how her husband's grandfather was listening to Hitler ranting on the radio, when his mother asked him to turn it off as the man was clearly crazy.

Military Road: Don was pleased with the response to the Silverado road article. Roxanne McKeen called him, and a scrapbook was offered. There are 50 volunteers helping with the road project. An 1860-1883 map was downloaded, adjustments made, and Google Earth info added. A few road connections remain a mystery yet to solve. The entire map is to go to section leaders this week for discussion of the final format. Section leaders will scour eastern Washington for journals, etc. There are survey books at the Walla Walla Courthouse. The Archibald Campbell 1859 map (in National Archives) needs further checking, as there are pencil markings by an unknown author. They will delve into the military aspect soon; Sue is to check for journals at Ft. Louis Army Museum.

Indian Agency Cabin: A State Architect (Nicholas) came over to meet with Don, Janet and Charlie. He volunteered to draft a foundation plan for the Indian Agency Cabin. He asked if we're seeking Historical Preservation funds. The project cost is in the neighborhood of \$100,000, as the building will need to be jacked up to replace the foundation, and logs hewed. A grant or grants will be needed to cover the restoration. Don is staying in touch with the tribes, and they have an interest in possible burials on the grounds, although tests by EWU students proved inconclusive.

Janet Thomas and her family volunteered and thoroughly cleaned the cabin. It was open at Chautauqua with 150 visitors coming through. In the future there could be historical speeches and re-enactors at Chautauqua.

Rendezvous: Melinda said Bridges of the Past will be involved, also Oregon Trail Travelers with artifacts and Charles Prentiss with knappers. A Ft. Colville to Walla Walla Military Rd. lecture is planned, and the only tours this year are self-guided ones. Judy has the lay-out for a brochure for Rendezvous.

Booth: Don reattached all the photos back in their frames and reassembled them the way they were for the Trust exhibit. After Rendezvous it will be placed at the fairgrounds with the narrative. This will be a semi-permanent setup. Don has spent \$300 of his own money for take-down, gas, etc.

Historical Preservation: There is a new program to recognize art work, and the Prestini collection will be reviewed. It is hoped the paintings on the side of the Cupcakes & More building downtown can be preserved instead of painted over.

Veterans Monument: Soon after the Silverado printed the recent article about the monument and Sue put out posters, \$1,000 was donated, and more contributions are coming in for the project. The goal is \$4,000 needed by the end of August.

Oral Histories: Joe was told there is a way to get pre-payment for the oral history videos. Ray asked for \$15,000, upped to \$24,000 (BPA money). The announcement had to be posted on the Website until the award date of July 25 because it is over a certain dollar limit (further delaying a possible start after a new accounting system put in). Without a contract yet, we can't obligate ourselves or begin work. In the meantime the interviewee list is growing, including Ed Dashiell of Cedonia. Discussion of best way to replace Grady who did all of the tasks involved himself - setting up dates, managing video process (lighting, questions, etc.), and transcription. Discussion of searchable pdf format vs. video with narrative printed alongside. Since THN has no license for employees, work would need to be done by contractors. Don recommended creating a task list and a skills list for a team approach. The interviewer would need some background experience.

Don McLaughlin motioned and Sue Richart second that we form a committee to work on the Oral History issues. It passed unanimously. The committee is Don McLaughlin, Joe Barreca, Judy Bitton and Melinda Lee. It was also suggested that we put the PayPal button back on the website to make it possible to order Oral History DVDs on line.

Round the table update on members:

Don McLaughlin noted that the McRae Cabin in Chewelah is also of historical significance and was lived in until two years ago. A progressive dinner is in the works to visit both the Indian Agency Cabin and the McRae Cabin at Chewelah Springs

Bill Sebright says that the Clayton Historical Society received a Spokane Souvenir with pictures from 1901. The Settler's Day celebration is July 27th. There will be a Clayton 50 year class reunion on the 27th. There is a class reunion in Loon Lake the 28th and the Loon Lake wine tasting is July 26th.

Jackie Franks says the Valley Historical Society is having Gabriel Cruden help write a grant to get the Valley School House Museum into operation.

Melinda Lee reported that the Colville Historical Preservation Committee is considering begin recognizing historical art and display it at the Heritage Court. A new historical registry is the Hoffstetter House now owned by the McRaes.

Jo Nullet says the Kettle Falls Library has some new pictures from the Brauners, also some of Hunters from the Guenthers.

Sue Richart reported that the Chewelah Museum is now open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10-4 PM. They may use the upstairs as storage and move the model of the Magnesite Plant downstairs. The Doll and Animal collections, although not locally historic, are popular with the kids.

Sue is working on a virtual exhibit on the Crossroads Archive of Fool's Prairie. She has some good research available. Ross Cox wrote about this area in 1914.

End of Meeting.

Recorded by Kathy Berrigan and Joseph Barreca, substituting for Secretary Janet Thomas