

The Heritage Network Agenda
Board Meeting · August 19th, 2013
Chewelah Museum

Meeting called to order by President Joe at 9:35 at the Chewelah Museum.

Present: Melinda Lee, Don McLaughlin, Joe Barreca, Jo Nullet, Lynn Wells, Jackie Franks, Barbara Swanson, Bill Sebright, De Pelan, Susan Dechant, Karen Struve, Kathy Berrigan, Sue Richart, Janet Thomas and Judy Bitton.

June and July Minutes: The June minutes were not available so not approved. Janet will send Joe a copy. The July minutes were approved with just one change. In the last line of the Preserve America report wife should have said Mom. Bill moved and Jackie seconded that the minutes be approved with the one change. Motion carried.

Choose Next Location: Karen will see if the library in Colville is available.

Financial Report Sue Richart presented the attached report.

Crossroads Archive: Joe moved the crossroads archive to a different program and it is working faster. Uploading is still going on.

Kay Counts requested copies from the Archive from Joe bringing up the question as to who should be contacted when this kind of inquiry comes along. It was agreed that if the Archive received a request for information the request will be sent on to the owner of the information.

Sue is indexing the old County Commissioner minutes. Doing that will add a lot of information and interest.

Walla Walla to Colville Military Road: Dom has been busy working on the cadastral maps and aligning them with the surveyor notes. Mullen Road vs the Military Road are still being sorted out. Lynn and Don are making a trip to the area near the LaPray Bridge. Jackie and Don will also work on the area near Springdale and Valley.

Professor Kingston from WSU wrote several articles about the Road that are being reviewed. He was born in the 1880's and taught at Eastern when it was a Normal School.

A new book by Ann Street named Joseph S. Street and the Northwest Boundary Commission was recommended by Sue. In it are descriptions working on the Road in the 1860's. Lynn mentioned the Road being on a map by Captain Fraiser. Sue said she had seen references to the Road in the County Commissioner minutes where they set fees for the use of the ferry over the Spokane River.

Cabin Update: Don welcomed Barbara Swanson whose health is greatly improved. All present were glad to see Barbara. Kathy Snyder and her family and friend have been helping with the museum. They have been cleaning and rearranging. The Chewelah Museum has had its name changed to the Walt Goodman Museum.

Barbara brought with her an article from the Chewelah newspaper from the mid 1960's. It had some information that needs to be checked out.

Nicholas Van, architect from DAHP, sent information about the foundation of the cabin. The archaeologists from the tribes are still involved.

There was a break in of several storage sheds in Chewelah including the one housing the mule ear chair owned by THN. Other things were taken from that unit, but not the chair.

Heritage Network Booth and NE Washington Fair: Don will take THN booth to the NE Washington Fair today. On Friday and Saturday he will be with the display from 10 – 4 and will talk about the cabin, road and related local information.

Rendezvous Booth: There was no booth so HPC went in with the Chamber of Commerce and Don and Geno spoke about the Road at the Encampment area. At the NE Washington Fair the HPC will have a booth in the commercial building. Anyone wanting to add brochures to that display needs to get them to Melinda.

The Encampment area was very well received at Rendezvous and included vendors, displays and a stage for performances.

Veterans Monument: The NEWGS will reach their goal for funding of the monument update. There will be a rededication of the monument on Veteran's Day. Details will be in the paper. There has been good coverage in both the Silverado and the Statesman Review. The Independent was also suggested.

National Park Service Oral History Videos: The application was submitted at the last minute and it took a while to know if it was approved. Finally it was known that the contract was awarded to THN for \$24,000. They have expanded their scope to include people who have information of the development of the park, things to do on the lake etc.

The committee consists of Joe, Melinda, Don and Judy. Each one has separate duties in the project. Two interviews have been completed and another is scheduled. People are being contacted and others that previously weren't appropriate now might be with the expanded focus.

Updates from Around the Table:

Kettle Falls Library: Jo reported on a successful research request this past week. Someone from out of town was able to find information and photographs she was seeking. She left very happy.

Chewelah: Barbara reported on the re-decorating and cleaning of the museum. The city moved the museum supplies and equipment from city hall and dumped it off in the museum and they needed to get that all put away. Barbara is still working on the book using Walt Goodman's research. The first book will be about Walt and his early years. She is trying to get it ready for

spring publication. She now thinks that it should have more of his genealogy in it. Since he goes back to Jaco Finlay his history is similar to that of many others who might like to hook into his. The new office in the museum is finished, cleaned and has heat. It will be a good resource for those working in the museum. It will be nice in the winter to have heat.

Loon Lake: They have been very busy. The large school reunion went very well. One guest was 92 years old and there were all ages including teachers and students. The weather put a damper on the wine tasting but it was successful none the less with a good “profit” made.

NEWGS: The Veterans Monument has been consuming their time. They are also busy at the Evergreen Cemetery. Karen’s husband has been resetting headstones beginning with the Veterans. Descendants contact them and sometimes give more information and/or photographs. They have a question – does anybody know how/when the green urns were put on one of the graves. They are so deteriorated that they need to be removed/replaced.

Kettle Falls: They are having an art show. There are so many talented people in this area. Their annual fundraising auction will be in September. The center has been closed on Tuesday and Saturday due to the shortage of tour guides. Kathy thought Neil Anderson might be a suitable subject to interview.

Preserve America: Sue visited the state archives, the Fort Lewis Museum and the state library looking for information relevant to this area.

SCHS: They are busy trying to catch up on the Lodging Tax money which was hoped for in January but did not get awarded until June. They don’t want any money left on the table. Next year grant applications are due soon. The Vinson gift was received and some artifacts from the Vinson cabin were received. Staffing the museum was short this year and there were some closures due to tour guides not being available. This winter will require lots of effort to recruit new guides. Lots of new artifacts have been received lately. Donations had slowed down for a while so it is good to see them pick up. The Stevens County Historical Register is almost ready to accept applications. The application is almost ready. The new sign for the north end of town is ready but when it was ready to be installed there was a setback due to property ownership. The landowner has been contacted and it is hoped that something can be worked out because signs are so important to visitors finding the facility.

HPC: Melinda reported on a new display hoped for in the Heritage Court in Colville. The first approval of art to be on the Historic Art List was made. It is the Prestini art work. They are also working on the walking tour on Main Street. The first sign is up and more are hoped for.

THN: Sue reported on the Face Book Page that THN has. Everyone is encourages to add things to it. Send Sue and e-mail if you want to add something.

