

The Heritage Network

Board of Directors

May 19, 2014

Present: Don McLaughlin, Jackie Franks, Joe Barreca, Sue Richart, Cathy Berrigan, De Pelan, Bill Sebright, Lynn Wells, Karen Struve and Susan DeChant.

Meeting: President Joe called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. at the Valley S.D. Columbia Virtual Academy meeting room.

Minutes of the last meeting: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April meeting. In discussion clarification was made to the paragraphs under SCHS. Reworded as follows:

SCHS: The greeter coordinator was funded. It is hoped that it will resolve the issue of not having enough greeters. The landscaping project is going well. The next step is coordinating with the City on the parking lot and the boundary survey. City staff and SCHS staff will be meeting and looking at the property and the various issues. The museum will be opening on May 1. It is still a little shaky about being able to meet the schedule. The Big Burn is a book that the Libraries of Stevens County is featuring with activities this next week related to the subject. On Saturday there will be a tour of the Lookout at the Keller Heritage Center from 1-4.

Clayton-Deer Park: Brickyard Days is one day.

The motion to approve the minutes as reworded was approved.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held June 16 at the Kettle Falls Historical Center near the St. Paul's Mission.

The July meeting will be July 21 at the Chewelah City hall. A representative from the Chief Garry Chapter of the DAR will be the guest speaker.

Treasurer's Report: Sue submitted the financial report, copy attached. No change from April, current balance is \$5,640.53.

Colville Military Road: Don reported on phase 3 of the strategic plan. He traveled 1,500 miles this month with the surveyor GPS and camera to document and photograph the calls (spots) identified in the GLO Surveys. He successfully dodged rattlesnakes and battled wood ticks and traffic. He has been traveling in the areas of Colville, La Pray Bridge, Camp Washington/Coulee Creek, Sprague, and Washtucna. In the final report 60 spots will be selected and photos to accompany these spots will be incorporated into the report. This phase and writing the Research Report is to be finished by July 1. This will go to Joe Barreca to map.

The Final Report-on DVD-will have the 60 photos and the GPS confirmation point (MOB). The photos will be 2 facing North, 2 South, 2 East, and 2 West of each call or point. This report is to be delivered to

the Washington Department of Transportation by September 3, 2014. Phase 4 has not been awarded and would include suggested signage.

Cabin: Don McLaughlin reported a Washington State Heritage Grant application has been applied for in the amount of \$33,000. This is estimated to be 1/3 of the expense to jack up the cabin and replace the footings. To be matched with in-kind time and funds.

Charlie Bourg is the Project Director. Jan Bodie, Don McLaughlin, Charlie Bourg, and Janet Thomas collaborated and wrote the Grant.

Janet asked THN to write a letter of support for the cabin. A Draft was presented by Joe and with minor changes the letter will be forwarded by Joe.

The cabin is located about 100 yds. From U.S. 395. Other Agency buildings were located near the Congregational Church, the Bell, Grist Mill, Granary, and Dr. Morgan's Drug Store and Perfumery.

NE Washington Genealogical Society: A photo of a nearly dead pine tree was presented by Karen and a request for a mini-grant of \$750 including tax for a tree service to remove the tree from the Evergreen Cemetery (E. of Colville). It was moved, seconded and approved to award this mini-grant.

Camera: Sue presented the results of her research with Nikon. It was determined that an expenditure of \$500 to clean and adjust the camera and lens would make it serviceable for several more years. A replacement camera and lens of the same quality and capacity would now cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000. A motion, seconded and approved was made to spend up to \$500 for the Nikon camera and lens cleaning and repair.

Sue Richart was asked if she would be willing to photo individual private documents. She indicated she would and suggests a donation be made to THN for the use of the camera. She would not charge for her time.

Crossroads of Columbia: Joe is in correspondence with the State Archives about the Crossroads website status. Joe is going back to the SOS at the Washington State Archives for clarification of an April 28 email from Todd Henderson.

Organizations: The Knights of Pythias of Colville are working with THN to archive the records of the Isaac I. Stevens chapter of the local organization.

Lynn Wells, State Grange Deputy Master at Large, presented background information on the Grange. Formally known as The Patrons of Husbandry. There are 17 Granges in Stevens Co.. State Headquarters is located in Olympia, WA. The National organization was formed in 1867 at the Kelley Farm in Elk River, Minnesota. The National Headquarters building is located in Washington, D.C. across Lafayette Square from The White House. The Grange is a grass-roots family fraternal organization organized as a cooperative to negotiate railroad freight rates after The Civil War. The 7 founding fathers were Freemasons and the ritual is patterned after the Masonic ritual. As a family organization 4 offices may be held only by women. Youth age 14 and up are eligible to be full voting members. There is a local, state and national program handbook and legislative handbook. The legislative handbook covers legislative issues that have been approved at the State Convention each year. Issues that National Grange has

sponsored have been among many, railroad freight rates, rural mail delivery, rural electrification and internet access for rural areas. Washington State sponsored the Blanket Primary in the 1920's and took the issue to the National Supreme Court in the early 2000's. As a result the current Washington primary voting system of not declaring party is in place.

History Dollar: Joe showed a booklet titled The Gribble Guide. It is advertising from S. British Columbia and NE Washington State.

The transcription of The Spokane County Commissioner Journals is progressing. Sue is up to page 344. When she gets to the time smaller counties were created out of the first Spokane Co. she will then concentrate on current Stevens Co. Sue found a reference to Dan Richart's GG grandfather.

Around the Table:

Loon Lake: the Museum is open .

Clayton/Deer Park. A 1907 postcard was sent. It was labeled Deer Park, WN. However, further investigation indicates it is a photo of the Buckeye Mill located S. of Deer Park.

Genealogical Society: Next Sunday there will be an article in the Spokesman-Review about the Coulee Dam Monument and those that were killed during the construction of the Dam.

Project: Cleanup is ongoing at the Evergreen Cemetery. Flags will be put out on the veteran's graves. They are up to 39 graves that have been identified as belonging to war veteran's.

The Valley: Jackie gave a report on the Little White Schoolhouse and the project facilitated by a WSU architecture class.

Joe Barreca: gave a report on a new book being written on Stevens County History.