

The Heritage Network  
Board of Directors

March 16, 2015

Present: Joe Barreca, Russ Larson, Pat Mooney, Joanie Hulsey, Jackie Franks, Bill Sebright, Karen Struve, Susan Dechant, Don McLaughlin, Janet Thomas, Sue Richart, and Jo Nullet.

**Next Meeting:** The General Membership meeting of THN must be in Colville. Karen will see if the Library is available.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** A few typos were corrected and a content change. Bill made a motion to approve as changed and Sue moved to approve as corrected. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Sue presented the financial report.

**Walla Walla Road:** Sue's Wikipedia page on the Internet is finished. She will send everyone the address. There will be a Mullen Road conference at Fort Benton this spring. Don McConnell will be attending as a presenter.

**Cabin:** The grant has not been approved yet. It is pending the state budget process. Don reported on the status of the grant application. Don handed out the paper he did for the grant application.

Don summarized the dig done last fall. He showed photographs of some things found during the dig and discussed others. This spring, the Kalispel Tribe will dig. If the Spokane Tribe billed the Historical Society for the dig it would be about \$16,000.

The City of Chewelah approved \$1,000 to be put toward the tribute wall. A contact will be made with the state highway department for signage at least on Hwy 395.

**Chewelah Museum:** Don reported on some activities about the Chewelah Museum and about the new performing arts center which will be next door in the old armory now being used as the city shop.

**HB1107:** Joe presented a document about a HB for funding of museums. Joe will contact our legislative delegation to see what their ideas are about the subject. Sue moved and Karen seconded that Joe write a letter to delegation if he deems it would be needed. Motion carried.

**THN 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Joe prepared a document to submit to the paper about the network's history. There have been many accomplishments.

**THN Theme:** This year's theme is transportation. SCHS is already working on a display which the membership could see in the meeting room. Suggestions were made for others about things they might do, ie the THN website could change its photos to reflect transportation. Sue and Joe will work on gathering photos for the THN site.

**History Tour – Cell Phones:** Joe contacted TEDD about maps and they will support the issue of historic tours. Joe is doing preliminary work. He is beginning in Pend Oreille County. There is some cost to development, but no ongoing cost. You download the program into your smart phone. Phones can be used even without cell service. Joe will follow through for possible use by THN.

Spokane Historical is doing something similar, but it was more costly but is available now. Sue felt the information on Spokane Historical is weak on content.

**State Archives, Stevens County, and Crossroads:** Joe commented that the County Commissioners have been working with him on an agreement about the management of the website. It is going slowly. The state archive is having a graduate student work on the Crossroad project from their perspective.

**Around the Table:**

**Valley:** Pat reported and commented on how much work Jackie has already done in Valley. He is trying to write a book about Forrest Center and the roads that cross there. He has an old cabin on his property dating to about 1900.

**Jackie:** Welcome back!!!!

**Clayton:**Brickyard Days is being held again this year. It will be the first of August. They will be looking at the possibility of an all years reunion at the Clayton School. They have gotten some copies of early yearbooks from Deer Park High School.

Dee Pelan has resigned from doing the Loon Lake times to move away. The new person at the Times is Loren Gruber. Karen Meyer is still with the Old School House and so is De.

**NEWGS:** Lora Rose has created a family tree of the Evergreen Cemetery of the people buried there. She is gathering information from people whose family members are buried there. A woman called Gordie Struve about someone buried there that is not recorded. Other information is also being collected.

The bad news is that other trees at the cemetery are in danger diseased and dying. A specialist looked at the trees in the cemetery and reported on which ones were in at risk of falling. It will take a large amount of money to get all of the trees removed without damaging the headstones etc.

They will be having a yard sale with the date to be announced later. They also will be having a fall conference with Don McConnell as the keynote speaker.

They have received two more names to be added to the military monument at the courthouse. Susan notified us about someone publishing interesting things about post offices. His booklet is *The Oregon Country* and can be purchased. Susan circulated copies around the group. Anyone wanting to purchase copies should contact Susan for details.

She also reported that she got another name that belongs on the Coulee Dam project.

**Don McLaughlin:** He reported on the recent Salish conference.

He will be attending the Non-profit conference in May. The first day will be about funding so he hopes to pickup valuable information..

**SCHS:** There is a group from BYU Idahowho will be having a concert in Colville on April 16<sup>th</sup>. They have asked to tour the museum in the afternoon before their concert. Their plans are not yet final, but it would be nice to have 100 or so people in town interested in an historical tour.

Transportation is the 2015 THN theme. The group was directed to the nearly completed display in the Learning center. Katie has redone the department store and beauty salon. There is a big project going on regarding the map collection.

The cabin exterior lights have been ordered and received. They will be installed after the digs at the cabin are finished.

**City of Colville:** Russ reported that the City has filled the city planner position and the new planner will be attending THN meetings.

**Sue:**Sue is working on photos of Forest Service lookout tower views. She is putting them on line forthe Forest Service. She will be working on the project for a few more months.

**Joe:** Bud Buddinger is writing a historical book about the Indian Wars. It sounds like it will be very interesting.