

The Heritage Network
Minutes
September 21, 2015

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Joe Barreca, at 9:40 AM, at the Learning Center of the museum in Colville.

Attendance: Joe Barreca, Bill Sebright, Jo Nullet, Kathy Berrigan, Sue Richart, Russ Larsen, Karen Struve, Janet Thomas and guests Bud Budinger and Joann Bender.

Minutes of the last meeting: A change was made and Bill moved and Sue seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. Because the change was so minor, a hand change was made and the correction will not be circulated to the members.

Next Meeting: The October 19th meeting will be held at the Clayton School.

Financial Report: Sue submitted the financial report. A copy is attached.

Indian Agency Cabin Update: SCHS expects to sign the grant contract the end of this week. For grant purposes, it was agreed the match would be totally the value of the Cabin. An appraisal was completed, and the value is about 87 thousand dollars. The digs are done. A land survey of the property is pending. Wes Thomas, LS, has agreed to do the survey at no cost.

The City of Chewelah Planning Department has given verbal approval to use the north portion of the property as a parking lot. With the implementation of the grant Charlie Bourg is the Project Manager, and Don will take the lead in Public Relations and Fund Raising.

Simms and Winans Papers: The Spokane Tribe has a copy (we assume it might be digital) of the Simms Papers they got from WSU, and have agreed to share it. The cost is unknown. It wasn't clear if Don actually realized that THN was hoping he would secure the copy.

Also, the Winans Papers, which Don has looked at, are desirable to THN and others. Joe will contact Don and discuss our hope that he will secure copies of both. The cost of both is unclear and Don may be able to shed some light on the cost.

Mc Loughlin Canyon: Bud Budinger has recently published a book titled *Courage Beyond Expectation*. It has to do with Indian Non-Indian relationships in Eastern Washington. He made a presentation on the subject of Mc Loughlin Canyon one subject of his book.

Stevens 1864 Conference: Joe and Sue met with the Archaeologist from NPS regarding a conference done elsewhere that might be a format we could use here. The NPS staff is at a dig and will pick up this subject when she returns.

In her absence a list is being made of people and organizations that might be involved/interested. Sue's idea was to do something about Stevens County as it was in 1864. The projected date was thought to be in April or May 2016. It was hoped that there might be 30-50 presenters in a two day event. Papers might be produced by the presenters. It could be speeches, demonstrations, workshops etc.

We think it is a good idea and would like more information before making a formal motion of participation.

Around the table:

NEWGS: Karen is the exiting President, with Susan Dechant the newly elected President. Their Fall Workshop is in October and Don McConnell will be the presenter. He will present on using Ancestry.com for military records. He will also do an afternoon speech re the Civil War.

Gordie Struve has transferred the contact for the Evergreen Cemetery to Lora Rose. He is working on Civil War issues. He is involved with the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Colville Historic Preservation Commission: Two staff from the city will be attending a workshop in Ritzville.

Clayton/Deer Park: The repair of the eagle has been completed. They are still raising money to cover the cost.

Kettle Falls Public Library: The photo collection will be further digitized.

KF Historical Center: The displays are being worked on and artifacts are being reviewed. Some movies were presented for the public on the falls and fishing. New volunteers have been recruited and things are coming along better.

SCHS: Don will be presenting to the Adams County Historical Society's Annual Meeting in Ralston. Ralston is near the Road where it passed through Adams County.

Finally a Newsletter is being finished this week. This will help get the mailing list and membership list fixed after the big crash.

Sheila Anderson, who recently moved to Chewelah will be working with volunteers and related things. She has experience with Okanogan County museums and in Republic as well. Sheila and her husband are the new owners of the McCrea cabin, twin to the Indian Agency Cabin.

Janet will not be running for president at the election in October. The General Membership will be October 21st. Sue will be presenting the Forest Service digital project as the program.

There are no known photos of Ft. Colville. Ray Driggs has commented to Joe that someone in his family had one. On a whim, Janet stopped by and talked to him. He says they do, but it is in an old newspaper. The story doesn't add up 100%, but he agreed to look for it.

The metal Eagle hanging in the Fort Colville Grange and rumored to be from the military fort has long been a mystery. Katie had an occasion to talk to someone from the Grange about it. Everyone is worried that the Grange might not stay open much longer due to lack of members. Russ, who is a member, confirmed that the Grange is worried also.

Sue: She has worked on the equipment to support the camera owned by THN to make it easier to work on certain objects.

She is making good progress on the Forest Service project. Members were encouraged to attend the SCHS general meeting and see the collection.

Janet Thomas, Secretary