

The Heritage Network
Board of Directors
October 19, 2015

Called to order: President Joe called the meeting to order at 9:30, at the Clayton School House.

Attendance: Present were Don McLaughlin, Lynn Wells, Sue Richart, De Pelan, Susan Dechant, Joe Barreca, Bill Sebright and Janet Thomas

Minutes: Corrections were made and noted. Sue moved and Bill seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Next meeting: It will be held on November 16th, at the Loon Lake School House.

Financial Report: Sue presented the financial report.

Indian Agency Cabin Update: Wes Thomas, LS, went to the cabin and dug out ground until he found the pipes noted in the legal, and found the west boundary to be the white fence. Readiness is being made to dig the perimeter lighting.

The state Grant contract was just signed. According to staff working on the Grant there is lots of support for the territorial period. Not much attention has been given to it. It is hoped that this will put the cabin in a good position for further grants. Due to the lateness in the grant being approved and the contract being issued, the foundation will have to wait until spring.

The Colvilles agreed to fly their flag at the cabin and to use their name as being involved.

Asbestos abatement is the first thing that has to be done so we will proceed with that during the winter months.

Simms and Winans Papers: Don said that the Spokanes do not have any Winans papers. They do have some Simms papers. Don suggested that he call WSU to talk to the Archives there. Don will make calls to see who has what and what and how we will be able to secure the copies.

Stevens 1864 Conference: Daneka Romeyn couldn't come today but still remains interested in the conference. The conference would deal with Stevens County as it was in 1864. During 2017 would probably be the earliest date it could be held.

State Archives: Still no progress. The archives did put 4,000 photographs from Crossroads on the Internet. Google is your best shot at finding them right now.

Founded on Firsts: Janet had given Joe some additional “firsts”, thinking that we should keep the list updated and documented. He will e-mail out the list for members to verify and document. The group discussed the various items and how we could proceed.

Nominating Committee: Joe will submit a ballot of the past officers, except for Jo who was not at the meeting. Joe will check with Jo to see if she will stay on as vice president. A question was raised about the bylaws about who is eligible to run for office. Joe will check it out also. We won't need a formal committee.

Around the table

NEWGS: The seminar went well. Last week Sue was able to quickly find something for a person at their meeting regular meeting while making a presentation.

There is a new board member, Norma Yost.

Loon Lake: The museum is closed for the winter. The gift shop is closed permanently. A lot of talk has been had about the use of the space. A few new, younger people have stepped up and may take a role in the historical society, making it easier to keep the museum going.

Springdale Rodeo will be having their craft show/fundraiser in the building.

Sue: Larry Cebula, EWU professor, made reference to an old newspaper, the Northwest Pioneer. It is one of the oldest newspapers in the territory.

Sue will be working on scanning photos from the Kettle Falls Library and others. She will start next month.

Lynn Wells: She is still meeting with people from the Four Mounds area. They share things they come up with.

Chewelah: Don now has a key to the museum. Kathy had a heart attack and is slowed down.

There is an event in the museum this weekend, complete with live mannequins.

The Chamber is having a group to work on research on some downtown historic buildings. They want to create an historic walkabout.

SCHS: The annual general membership meeting is Wednesday evening. Sue will be the program and will show photographs and interpretations of them. It will include old CCC activity, fire fighting, logging, fire lookouts, etc regarding the forest.

The Christmas Tour theme is The Glories of Christmas and will be held December 4-6.

The Museum is closed for the season. Tours can be scheduled of the museum until the tour but not the house.

Sue has offered to represent SCHS on THN

Deer Park/Clayton: There are two Prestini gold pans hanging in the Clayton School and Bill directed us to them.

They are looking to the totem pole that Leno made, but nobody known where it is. It is likely that it has been destroyed. It was at the Spokane Interstate Fair grounds near where the train display is now.

Joe: He brought an article about Lucy Covington and some work EWU will be doing about her and her legacy.