

The Heritage Network  
**Board of Directors**  
November 16, 2015  
Old Schoolhouse Loon Lake

**Present:** Joe Barreca, Bill Sebright, Don McLaughlin, Susan Dechant, De Pelan, Jackie Franks, Sue Richart, Danica Romeyn, Lynn Wells

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Bill moved and Sue seconded a motion to approve the minutes.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting not set.

**Financial Report:** Sue circulated the financial report. Main checking is at \$4719.47.

**Election of Officers:** De moved and Bill seconded that Joe, Kathy, and Janet be re-elected board members. Motion approved. A slate of officers was presented. President Joe Barreca, Vice-President Jo Nullett, Treasurer Sue Richart, and Secretary Janet Thomas. Bill moved to accept the slate of officers and Susan seconded. Motion approved.

**Cabin Update:** Since the grant contract came so late in the season, little action will occur until spring. A professional firm will abate the vermiculite in the cabin. Hansen Logging will provide the necessary logs. A core sample was taken of the old support logs and sent to the Kalispel Tribe for analysis.

**John A. Simms papers:** Sue and Lynn proposed that THN fund the scanning of the John A. Simms papers at WSU. WSU does not want to use their scanners, because the Simms papers do have inactive mold on them. After discussion, Don moved and Bill seconded that up to \$1000 be available to purchase a Epson V500 scanner and cover the travel costs for Sue and Lynn to travel down to scan. Motion was approved.

**Crossroads website:** Stevens County's Mark Curtis and Nick Force have not answered Joe's repeated queries about allowing THN to take control of the Crossroads website.

**Stevens County 1864 concept:** Danica described the State of Jefferson conference as informal sharing presentations by attendees of 15-20 minutes about what each has been doing in the last year. The public is allowed but really it is a chance for local historians to learn what each other is doing. There is a donation jar for expenses, pot-luck meals and field trips. They have been doing it for 40 years.

The group wondered how academics would respond, everyone is treated as an equal. Students can get involved. We floated the idea of doing it in a bus on a road trip to Walla Walla and back as well as the Chewelah Performing Arts Center.

Danica was also saying that the National Park Service wants to do a presentation on women's local history for Women's history month in March. She is thinking of a series of three lectures on one night and particularly interested in women from the tribe.

### **New Business:**

Around the Table.

**Joe Barreca** found a 1900 map of mining in northern Stevens County on the National Archives website.

Joe noted that the earliest pictures of Stevens County were taken by a woman but we don't have copies or names.

**LLHS:** The Springdale Frontier Days Rodeo Association will have a Christmas Shoppe starting the day after Thanksgiving at the Old Schoolhouse.

**Lynn Wells:** Looked up how constables were different from sheriffs. They tended to be appointed by Justices of Peace to search warrants and the like.

**Sue Richart:** Patty Chester will have her office scan all of the unbound commissioners' journals. Sue will scan the bound commissioners' journals books C, D, E, and F for part of this project. The will have a lot to say about the roads in the county.

Dennis Vaagen will be the new SCHS president. Janet will devote more time to the Indian Agency Cabin. Penny is working in the research room and Sue's Forest Service images were a hit at the annual meeting.

**Lake Roosevelt National Park Service:** Danica reported that some looting of artifacts is taking place.

**NEWGS:** Susan reported that she is back as the president of the society. A big dead tree at the Evergreen Cemetery was successfully taken down. Lora Rose has taken over management of the cemetery from Gordy Struve.

**Chewelah Historical Society:** Don reported that Barb Swanson was back in Chewelah. Note: Barb Swanson passed in December.

Kathy Schneider has stepped back from some of the duties at the Chewelah Museum due to heart issues.

The area around the museum will be going through some big changes. The Chewelah PACA group has taken over the city maintenance building and will turn it into a theater. Additionally, there is discussion about a path from city hall and a bridge across Chewelah Creek near Akers Drug Store. Additionally, the owner of the white building immediately south of the Historic Colville Indian Agency is discussing tearing it down and putting in apartments.

Chewelah Painting donated its services to paint the outside of the building.

Currently involved in the museum are Becky Washington, Chris Carpenter, Diane Evans, and Jessica Sety. Don has keys to the museum.

**Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society:** Bill mentioned the October newsletter covered the Deer Park Dragstrip. He also discussed the Clyde Creek Barn going on the Heritage Barn Register.

**Valley Historical Society:** Jackie reported there are plans to move the old white school house to near the conference area, and will not have a basement.

SCHS: Sue reported that Dennis Vaagen will be the new SCHS president effective 1 January.

The theme of the Keller House tour the first weekend in December is the Glories of Christmas.

The Washington Rural Heritage Colville National Forest presentation was well received at the October general membership meeting.