

**The Heritage Network
Minutes
March 21, 2016**

Call to order - The meeting was called to order by President Joe at 9:30 in the Learning Center of the museum in Colville.

In attendance- Joe Barreca, Lynn Wells, Sue Richart, Susan Dechant, Kathy Berrigan, Bill Sebright, Russ Larsen and Janet Thomas, Secretary

November Minutes – There was a name correction was followed by a motion by Lynn and seconded by Sue to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Choose Location for April 18th, 2016 - NEWGS will check on the possibility of meeting at the Library basement in Colville. It is the annual general membership meeting.

Financial Report - Sue Richart submitted. She commented that we did not need to update our re-resellers permit after all. Sue did a research regarding the railroads for a railroad convention. A donation was made to THN. A copy of the report is attached.

Indian Agency Cabin Update – The contract for lifting the cabin and putting in the foundation has been signed. The sill logs, transporting the logs and cutting the logs have all been secured and the vendors have all donated their services. The back porch is being taken down to accommodate the construction. The large tree in the front yard was taken down due to it having fallen on the front porch.

Simms and Winans papers - Sue and Lynn reported on their work at WSU. Each has at least 8 1/2 days plus 5 more days by Sue. Lynn showed an example and she reported in the indexes she is making. These are long days and some had travel on top of the work. There are 31 file folders with some having multiple files in each.

We have also found Simms correspondence in three additional places so far.

There are many references to interesting historical happenings such as the Lake Chelan earthquake of the 1880's.

An interesting find – unintended – is that a territorial map of a portion of Stevens County was discovered in the archives. They did not realize how important this map is. They have begun work on preservation of it.

Great Northern Railway Historical Society – The Society is having their national convention in September in Spokane and will be traveling through Stevens County and various areas of interest. They have asked if museums would identify railroad artifacts they could see.

Lynn moved and Sue seconded that THN should join the Society. Motion carried.

Crossroads Archive - Joe reported that Crossroads.org crashed. The website is back up and running. Based on Joe's most recent letter it is clear that THN owns the site. THN seems to own all aspects of it. The County Commissioners have not responded to Joe's letter.

Joe is concerned about the future of the Crossroads and asked for input from the group about its future and about sponsorships. Joe tabled the item until he can meet with Scott at Secure Webs.

Tri-County Historical Tours - Joe discussed various ideas about historical tours. It seemed like a good idea, but yet a little vague. Joe will contact TEDD to encourage them to make this one of their programs.

Updates and Ideas from Around the Table:

Clayton/Deer Park: There will be a presentation at the MAC about Leno given by Jack Nisbet. Brickyard Days will be July 30th. This is a one time only change of dates.

A PhD candidate has done some histories of Deer Park. It is on their website.

Spokane Valley Heritage Museum will have a display on Isaac Stevens through the end of June.

Kettle Falls Historical Center: Kathy handed out their recent newsletter. They are working hard on the interior and displays.

The opening day is May 15, 2015, hopefully daily.

NEWGS: Lora is working hard on the Evergreen Cemetery. They donated photographs to the KFHC.

Sue: She is still working on the Washington Rural Heritage Project. She has been working on this and the Simms Papers.

She also reported on her work digitizing the commissioners minutes from the very earliest days of Stevens County.

Lynn Wells: The Pacific Northwesterner is being published. They are featuring the Baxter Hospital which preceded the current Veterans Hospital.

Joe Barreca: Mostly doing grapes.

Janet: History Dollar – she is looking for someone who is related to some genealogical papers she inherited.

Meeting adjourned