

The Heritage Network
Minutes
April 18, 2016
General Membership Meeting

Call to order: President Joe called the meeting to order at 9:30 at the basement of the Colville Public Library.

In attendance: Joe Barreca, Jo Nullet, Kathy Berrigan, Susan Dechant, Karen Struve, Bill Sebright, Sue Richart, Lynn Wells, and Janet Thomas, Secretary

Minutes: Several corrections were made. Bill moved and Sue seconded approval of the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Jo will check and see if the new community room at the Kettle Falls Library will be available. If not the museum in Colville will be available and the new outside project should be done.

Financial report: Sue gave the treasurer's report.

Indian Agency Cabin: The chimneys will be taken down soon and the floor boards will come down. Everything is waiting on the weather.

SCHS had not formally named the cabin. The leaning seems toward "The Historic Colville Indian Agency". Cabin might or might not be included. .

The secretary from the cabin is nearly done and ready to go back in the cabin when the cabin is done.

Simms and Winans Papers: Sue and Lynn have done quite a bit of the work. Sue is continuing on and is coming toward the end of it although there are many days left. She estimates another 8 or so days will be needed.

Tri-County Historical Tours: Porta is trying to pull together some virtual tours. Joe is continuing to work with them in Pend Orielle County. They have selected 200 sites worth considering in PO County alone. PO PUD and the Kalispel Tribe have paid to have some sites on Next Exit. Improvements have been made in the Next Exit software. TEDD is working with bicyclists about routes that are suitable for them and some are working on routes for older motorcycles. Any interest group could have a route for them. Joe is still leading the charge to try to get something going in this county.

1860's Map: Sue showed the historic map she acquired from WSU. Sue presented several copies of the map and discussed the various things on it.

Updates and ideas from around the table:

Kettle Falls Public Library: Sue is digitizing the rest of the photo collection.

The addition to the library is named for Jo Nullet.

Kettle Falls Historical Center: Renovations are in progress including such things as painting, a more interesting lobby and picture rails.

June 17 and 18th the Voyages of Rediscovery will be at the falls.

May 14th is the opening date. A good crew of volunteers is making it possible to keep the museum open 6 days a week.

NEWGS: Work is being done to refresh the grounds of the Evergreen Cemetery to get ready for Memorial Day. Lora is there most Fridays and could use some help.

Susan is still trying to get the monument for those who died in the construction of Coulee Dam moving. It is moving slowly. She is writing stories about each of the people who will go on the monument.

Karen asked for members to keep their eyes open for Kiwanis Friendship Monuments. They are located at many crossings between the US and Canada. The one at Patterson is documented, but there are many that have not been identified.

Clayton/Deer Park: Jack Nisbet's presentation was well attended. He presented new information about Leno Prestini. Bill will try to find out the sources for the new information.

Sue: Sue submitted photos from the KF Public Library to go up on the Rural Heritage site.

She is also working with the Commissioner's journals and on a map that the county has. The map should prove interesting to HN members.

Lynn: She is continuing to do research in her area. She has been looking at WWP archives while she was in the WSU Archives with Sue. She showed a painting of the Spokane River crossing from the territorial days. It is of the Spokane River showing the area where the trail/road crossed.

Stevens County Historical Society: The museum will be opening May 1.

There is also a table and chairs from the cabin. A decision is pending regarding putting them back in the cabin.

Outside improvements are being made to landscaping, signage, repainting and painting at the museum.

The book prepared by Janet Labrecque is printed and as soon as a price is set, it will be available for sale. It turned out much better than expected, particularly the photographs.

Parking is always a problem on the Center grounds so some work with the city is being done to try to improve the lot off the grounds.

Katie has redone some things in the museum. The Department Store has been redone and is the bridal department. Several of the wedding dresses are identified as to who wore them and a few have picture of the bride wearing them.

Joe: History dollar - Joe went to the Walla Walla museum and bought a booklet. He passed it around for people to view. He thought it was a very impressive. He encouraged people to visit.

Meeting Adjourned