

The Heritage Network

Minutes

May 16, 2016

Call to order: The meeting to order at 9:33 am in the Kettle Falls Public Library. Meeting was held in the new Community Room.

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

Next Meeting Location: Chewelah City Hall was suggested for the June meeting. Sue will check with Don about the location.

Minutes of the last meeting: Susan moved and Bill seconded a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Sue presented the financial report.

Historical Tours: Brandon Cadwell works for Park Service and is getting some virtual tours ready for the recreational area. He is interested in expanding their area to outside of the recreational area.

Joe sent material about Next Exit on to Porta in case they could work together.

Indian Agency Cabin: It is being considered not to fence the site. During the preparation for the foundation, it was discovered that the floor joists were not properly attached to the sill logs. The City of Chewelah has decided to remove the swimming pool because it can't be repaired for less than the cost of a new one. The city street between the cabin property and the pool site would be a good site for more parking if it was vacated.

A dedication of the cabin and the property is being discussed. It would involve both native and non native people.

Simms and Winans Papers: Another anonymous donation of \$200 was made to cover the costs. Most of the documents on the Simms papers absent the last five years of service at the cabin.

Two items in the papers are mail receipts from Lucy sending something. It hints toward Fenwick or Monyhan owning the cabin property. The Indian Census taken in about the 1870's will be copied for sure.

Sue presented lists of the Winans papers so members could check things that were of interest to them.

1860's Map of Stevens County: Sue is working on an index of the map. She believes it to be about 1865.

Around the table:

Clayton/Deer Park: someone donated a bowl from Spokane Pottery which was near Clayton. The Standard pottery company was also in Clayton, but there are no samples available.

The Owens Family gave them some photos. It is hoped that perhaps the Owens Museum will give them access to their photo collection for copying.

Kettle Falls Public Library: They are waiting for Sue to do more photo digitizing. She posted one batch to the Rural Heritage project with more to come.

NEWGS: They have the Evergreen Cemetery ready for Memorial Day but more work is still continuing.

The fall conference of the NEWGS will be September 17 and will feature a representative from NARA.

Kettle Falls Historical Center: Saturday Jack Nesbit did a presentation about Leno Prestini. Some of the painting from the Stevens County Historical Society museum were loaned for the presentation.

The museum displays have been cleaned, refurbished and updated. Butch Bovan made some mannequins. There is some new information beyond just Indians.

Janet: We are only 9 years left until the 200 year anniversary of old HBC Fort Colville. She wanted us to begin thinking about what should be done to celebrate.

Stevens County Historical Society: Lots of work has been done on the grounds at the entrance. Sue showed photographs of the work.

Sue showed photos of the cabin in its current condition. The lifting is actively beginning today.

Sue: The railroad convention is September 17.

Joe: Joe's rock club had an inquiry re: mines owned by the Keough family. Panorama Rock and Mineral club web page has a link to a map of old mines. It has lots of good information. www.Panoramagem.com is the club website.

Janet Thomas, Secretary