

# The Heritage Network

## Minutes

June 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 in the meeting room in the Chewelah City Hall by Joe Barreca, President.

**Those in attendance:** Jo Nullet, Susan Dechant, Don McLaughlin, Sue Richart, Kathy Berrigan, Joe Barreca and Janet Thomas, Secretary.

**The next meeting:** Kathy will check on the availability of the Kettle Falls Historical Center on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Minutes:** Susan moved and Sue seconded a motion to approve the minutes with the minor corrections made. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Sue presented the financial report including an accounting with a detailed list of expenses for the Simms Papers. Susan moved and Kathy seconded that money left would be used on the Winans papers. Motion seconded. Sue reviewed the membership list with the group.

**NEW Start:** Joe reported on some activities regarding tourism. He is putting in a lot of work into something on the Internet. It would be something historical showing various points on looped tours starting in Colville. NEW Start is the lead agency. If this works there could be some starting in Chewelah or other places.

Joe's preference is to go with Spokane Historical, which is a part of the history department at EWU. Sue moved and Jo seconded that THN support Joe in applying through NEW Start for lodging tax from the city of Colville. Motion carried.

**Agency Cabin:** The cabin is still up in the air and should come down on the new sills soon, probably this week.

Dennis Daily, the McPerson family gave SCHS a thank you for keeping the building safe and the restoration efforts.

The secretary, from about the 1880's or 1890's has been refinished and turned out to be very beautiful. There was a stamp on the bottom of one of the shelves that has a date of 1860 something. Ken, who did the refinish work knows the date.

There was a pocket knife found under the cabin. Also an 1886 spent cartridge and a few pieces and a piece of leather.

**Simms/Winans:** The Simms papers are done. The Kulzer papers include some Simms papers also so Sue copied them as well. She will do Winans next but not at such a pace.

Sue looked at the Monaghan papers at Gonzaga. They start about 1878. He was here much earlier.

She is still looking for the Fenwick probate records. She has checked lots of places but nobody has admitted that it was in their collection. She is going to recheck with a couple of the possible sources.

**Canoes and Salmon:** Several tribes made dugouts and paddled up the Columbia River to Kettle Falls. Each tribe had a separate route and starting point and only came together at Kettle Falls.

Kathy believes that this event is a significant item. UCUT (Upper Columbia United Tribes) is an association of the tribes in the area and are working together. The tribes all worked together for the event. There were articles in area newspapers about it.

**Upper Columbia Association of Museums:** Joe suggested that we join them.

**Great Northern Railroad convention:** They will be in our area on September 19<sup>th</sup>. They have offered us a table at their convention if we want to be involved. Sue is coordinating our efforts.

**Around the table:**

**KFHC:** They will be having a display of basketry that will last about a month.

**Sue:** She has finished her work with the Rural Heritage project

**Chewelah Museum:** The hours are F/S/S from 10-2. A new person with experience in curating and accessioning has become involved. Bonnie Rail is the new volunteer coordinator. The schools have become more involved.

**Don:** He is so busy with the Arts Center so is pulling back from some other things. They got a large donation recently for PACA

**NEWGS:** Memorial Day went well at Evergreen Cemetery. Lora Rose is still in charge. She is working on histories of people buried there. She is concentrating on the Veterans first.

The next event will be a booth at the NEW Fair. It will be informational. The fall seminar will be in September which will also celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the GEN Society.

**KF Library:** Jo will work to return the photographs from the Heritage project to the collection along with the pictures from the library that came out during the construction.

**Janet:** Found Violet Moor's niece who will take the papers genealogical. Janet is looking for someone to take them to Portland, Oregon.

**SCHS:** The HS will be hosting the Chamber After Hours the end of the month.

There is still a need for more volunteers, as always.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55, Janet Thomas, Secretary