

The Heritage Network
March 20, 2017

Call to order: President Joe called the meeting to order at 9:30 in the Learning Center of the Historical Society museum in Colville.

Present: Melissa Silvio, Jackie Franks, Bill Sebright, Lynn Wells, Sue Richart, Karen Struve, Kathy Berrigan and Janet Thomas, Secretary.

Minutes of the last meeting: Corrections were made and Bill Sebright moved and Lynn seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Next meeting: The annual meeting will be held here at the Learning Center.

Introductions: Due to Melissa being new, members introduced themselves. She went ahead and discussed the details of the Valley Schoolhouse project. They are meeting tonight with a staff member from the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation present.

Financial Report: Sue presented the financial report with copies for each member present.

Network Map: Sue had the paperwork from the last meeting. The network ‘map’ that is on line is due for updates. There is no progress yet. Joe placed the ball in Sue’s court. We will try to get the ‘MAP’ updated before the tourist season.

Tri-County Historical Tours: The Colville City Council awarded \$12,520 to THN. We will need to document the use of the money because some members could be recipients of it. Janet suggested a committee be appointed to avoid any conflicts of interest.

The project is for a phone app to direct people to historical places. When the places are visited points will be added to your phone and can be redeemed at various businesses near the historical places. TEDD gets information back about how many people have been visiting. Individuals sign in and give information that then helps with future promotions for tourism. This involves the local businesses making decisions about the redemption policies.

This is a good partnership between history and business. The app will be called NE Washington Insider. Joe hopes to have a demonstration of it for the General Membership meeting in April. The mechanics of how this will work was discussed.

Joe will send out a list of the points. It will have a statement of work describing what has to be done and when and will include the deliverables,

Cabin: The roof replacement is proceeding in spite of the weather. The windows are being worked on. April 29th is the dedication. A bench donated by the McLaughlin family will be placed on the site.

NEWGS: Susan's mother passed and Susan has been spending time away working on the estate..

Lora Rose is researching people buried at the Evergreen Cemetery. She put a cemetery tree on the Internet where information can be added and information can be added by others. She received a contact from someone who has a family member there who has the wrong first name.

Susan is still working on the Coulee Dam project. A staffer from the area has also put up a tree for that Coulee Dam construction..

Sue: She has finished the first 6 volumes of the commissioner's journals and has started on the road books. The Winans project started last Friday.

Sue and Lynn went to the Archives in Cheney and looked at the material they have on schools.

Sue is also working on digitizing a couple of Valley High School yearbooks.

KF Historical Center: They are working on the gift shop. The displays are being cleaned up and updated. There will be a new display of baskets.

LuAnn Atherly is working on a kiosk for outside so people can get information while the museum is closes.

There are a few new board members. Rowena McIntosh fell recently and broke her arm.

Lynn: Lynn has done some research on the village of Curby and its school district (which was in Spokane at the south side of the LaPray Bridge).

Clayton/Deer Park: Bill got a phone call from someone who has some pipe from the Washington Brick Lime and Sewer Pipe Company. It was near the railroad in Valley.

Jackie Franks: She has turned everything over to Melissa regarding the School House and staying with the Historical Society.

A local metal worker has a sculpture he wants to do. It is of a local prehistoric Bison found between Chewelah and Valley.