

The Heritage Network

April 17, 2017

Annual Membership Meeting

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Joe

Present: Bill Sebright, Sue Richart, Joe Barreca, Lynn Wells, Jackie Franks, Melissa Silvio, Susan Dechant, Kathy Berrigan Jo Nullet, Karen Struve and Janet Thomas, Secretary.

Location of the next meeting: The Library at Kettle Falls was suggested. Everyone agreed and Jo will check on its availability.

Minutes of the last meeting: Motion made by Bill and Sue seconded that the minutes be approved with the corrections.

Tri-County Historical Tours: The App is called NE Washington Insider. Three people have applied to do some of the points. The committee who will decide who will do the work is Elaine Clough, Shelley Stevens and Lynn Wells. There were three applicants to do the work.

Discussion followed and the group felt that an application needed to specify a little more information and requirements and expectations of the grant. The idea most suitable seemed to do it all in a contract between THN and the applicants.

Presentation: Joe narrated a slide show of historic photographs that would be the basis of the App along the river to Northport.

Cabin: The dedication will be April 29th. Everyone in THN has gotten a copy of the invitation e-mailed to them by Joe.

The roofing is nearly completed and the windows are very nearly done. The site cleanup is at 10:00 on the 22nd of April.

Events at Other Museums: There is a meeting of the Upper Columbia museum association in Ritzville on the 19th. THN gets invitations to all of their meetings.

Around the Table:

Sue: She is working with the State Archives in Cheney to see if they would accept the commissioner's journal to put on line. She and Lynn visited the archives They also looked at Stevens County school records. She also did the first road book of Stevens County.

Clayton/Deer Park: The sewer pipes that were from the Clayton plant are popular when shown in the area. Jessie Clemish also provided some other items including a cream can for being looked at. He also found other very interesting items in his digging. Two items are being returned to the original owners.

There was interest in Bill making a presentation of his interesting photographs of things and places in the Clayton/Deer Park area.

The lot east of the Clayton Drive In and the Eagle is being cleared and an equipment rental company is building there.

Kettle Falls Library: They have been enlarging some of their photo collection and framing them in the Community Room.

NEWGS: Their next event is their fall workshop. Their featured speaker, Bill Dollarhide who is an author and speaker and well thought of in the genealogical community.

At the Evergreen Cemetery they will have a dedication of a stone for the four Civil War Veterans who have been discovered to be buried there and without headstones. It will be July 1. NEWGS is renewing its efforts to photograph the headstones.

Susan is working on the bios of those who were killed while working on Coulee Dam. She has 30 done and they are on the Internet and on the NEWGS website.

KF Historical Center: They are all torn up to redo the displays. Progress is being made for their spring opening May 15th or so shortly following will be basket making demonstrations.. There will be an all summer quilt raffle.

Jean Woods died recently. She was 95 and has been so valuable to the Center for many years. She will really be missed.

Valley Schoolhouse: Jackie has turned the Historical Society and Schoolhouse over to Melissa Silvio. They are making good progress and are optimistic about saving the schools. They are involved with the National Trust and their "This Place Matters" program.

The Bison project will be a standalone instead of with the schoolhouse. They hope to get the Spokane Tribe to accept it to be placed on the Spoko/Casino grounds south of Chewelah.

Lynn: She is all involved in another historical research outside the area.