

The Heritage Network

May 15, 2017

Board of Directors

Present: Joe Barreca, Susan Dechant, Bill Sebright, Sue Richart, Kathy Berrigan, Melissa Solvio, Janet Thomas, secretary

Called to order: The meeting was called to order and 9:45 AM at the Kettle Falls Public Library Community Room. The meeting was delayed due to the library not being open and there was nobody to let us in.

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

Next meeting: Melissa will make arrangements to meet in Valley. If that is not possible, she will contact Sue about meeting in the Chewelah City Hall.

Financial Report: Sue reported on the status of the finances of the Network.

Tours: Joe was blindsided by TEDD. After all his work TEDD said there would only be 30 sites and not the 130 as expected. A new list was handed out. For now there are 39 points in Stevens County and possibly 50 more at a later time. Sue moved to ask the Colville City Council to transfer some of the money they donated into another use, to buy points, within the project. Joe seconded the motion. Motion carried with one abstaining.

Joe considers his as the 1st phase of a long term project.

Shelly Stevens, Lynn Wells, and Elaine Clough remain the committee within THN to make approvals that are needed.

Cabin: The grounds have been cleaned up and there are two piles of rubble that are earmarked to be taken away by a local man needing them to stabilize areas of his property.

The roofing has not arrived, and everything is ready and waiting. About half of the windows have been repaired and ready to install. The hole where the fireplace was is waiting to be filled. There is enough log length to fill the hole.

The cabin is setting solid and level and ready for the next phases. The porch deck and the floor inside the cabin are next. People have been recruited to work on it and the work will begin when weather permits – hopeful soon.

Coming Together: The dedication of the cabin went well. The weather was perfect and nice crowd of about 40 people attended. Apparently something came up with the Tribes and nobody represented them. Everyone there sat in a big circle and ate and visited.

Everyone there was asked to introduce themselves and say what their interest was in the cabin. It was particularly touching for Don McLaughlin's family and the McPherson family. Jann Bodie came and the McPherson's were particularly interested in meeting her as she has overwintered (for a couple of winters) some of the flowers that the McPherson ancestors has planted.

The food was good and Sue estimated that the donations would cover the food cost.

Research Updates – Sue: She reported that she is still working on the Commissioner's Journals. It is tedious work but is moving along. She is working on the 1st through the 6th volumes for now.

Around the table:

NEWGS: They are ready for Memorial Day at the Evergreen Cemetery. July 1 has been set for the date for the dedication, at the Evergreen, of the monument to the Civil War Veterans.

Pat Graham's new book, Colville Collection 7, is now ready for sales. It is just waiting for the price to be set. It is called *The White Man Cometh* and is the story of the HBC Fort Colville and the fur trade.

Susan reported that The Barmans Building (Historically called The Ricky Block), has been sold.

Clayton/Deer Park: Bill brought a copy of a new small flyer/newspaper. It is called *The Coffee Table* and is a free item that some people got in the mail.

Bill showed a grouping of about 10 small photographs glued to a paper ribbon. It was of Leno Prestini and Burton Stewart climbing the smokestack of the brickyard at Clayton. The son of Burton Stewart who Bill had known from school days gave it to him.

Chewelah Historical Society: Sue reported that the Mayor had called a meeting of interested parties to see what can be done about the museum. For now it will be open for Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. No long term plans were made.

SCHS: Sue reported it being open for the season. A volunteer Coordinator has been hired. There have already been a few tours and some more are pending.

Prestini paintings are up this season in the Learning Center section of the museum.

Janet: Just working on pictures from the Museum collection.

KFHC: The museum is open today. They have enough volunteers to keep it open for 5 days a week. It will be closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays for now.

Their activity, The Trail of Baskets opens on the 20th. There will be a basket display and basket weavers on side weaving.

A quilt show is scheduled for July 4th and will last a few days.

The Shop at the Falls has been painted and fitted for the season. There is a Mourning Dove section featuring her three books.

The Kiosk is still under construction.

The Church that has been renting space on is moving out. They have outgrown the space.

Valley: The school board approved going ahead with the Historical Society's plan for saving the school building. They are hoping to get it at least moved and the lead paint removed this summer. There have been lots of local donations and other things promised.

If you google Save the Little White School House you will find a U-tube presentation about the school and how important it is to save.

The Bison project is still in the works. There still seems to be support for its location under the log arch east of SPOKO in Chewelah.

Joe: Up to his ears in pruning grape plants and the APP project.

He brought a History Dollar. He found a wine bottle with the label that says "Colville Collection". On the back is a write up about the HBC Fort Colville, but the picture is the Kane painting of the Natives camped above the falls.