

The Heritage Network

June 19, 2017

Board of Directors

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order, at the Valley School District Virtual Academy, by President Joe, at 9:45 AM.

Present: Joe Barreca, Kathy Berrigan, Sue Richart, Sue Jensen (Valley High School Class of 1962), Melisa Silvio and Janet Thomas, Secretary.

Next Meeting: Kettle Falls Historical Center in Kettle Falls will host.

Minutes of the last meeting: Sue moved and Kathy seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion Carried.

Financial Report: Treasurer Sue handed out the Financial Report and made explanations.

Historical Tours: Joe and Sue have the APP on their phones and it is working. Sue has her points documented and Joe is still working on his. TEDD has been surprised by the response to the site and have purchased 3 years of use of the program.

Agency Cabin: The roof is on with only cosmetic cover ups of modern construction left.

Webley's Mill is cutting the boards for the porch deck and the interior flooring. It is hoped they will have just the right lumber. They have been very generous and have donated lots of material for the Historical Society in the past.

The State Historical Society sent a letter about something that wasn't quite clear about the legislature's actions and needing to prepare just in case we have to move things into the next year. SCHS sent in the requested paperwork. To date SCHS has expended much more than is required for the grant. There are things yet to be done within the grant application plan.

A new photograph was discovered among Don McLaughlin's papers. It is the same photo as the 1880's photo, but has different flaws. Between the two most things are shown. Sue believes that the Chewelah Museum has the same photo that might add more details. Combining them all by a clever photoshop user should result in one really good photo.

There is a man in Chewelah that is experienced in chinking log structures. He will help but it is not sure if he will work or just show someone else how to do it.

For those new to the group, a discussion about the background of the cabin and it being gifted to the Historical Society was held.

Research Updates: Sue is still active with the commissioner's journals and is up to 1913. It is coming well, but there are still lots of details to clean up, such as combining the minutes of the various meetings held on the same day in one file. Sue gave copies of the journals to the Pend Orielle County Historical Society covering the years that they were part of Stevens County.

Sue donated copies of some documents to the State Library when she was in Tacoma recently.

What's new in Northport: Joe met there with the NHS. They have committed to buying the Gallo House. The Historical Society is the purchaser. Joe reviewed the tours app with them.

They have a tour being planned for the town. The tour would be of historic spots, approximately 28 of them, around town.

Discussion: A general discussion of historical matters in the area was held.

Around the table:

Valley: VHS is still looking for a photograph of the little white school house. The oldest one they have was taken in the 1970's.

The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation has announced that the LWSH has been designated as one of the most endangered historical buildings in Washington State for 2017.

The VHS has plans to participate in the fair both giving out information and receiving it.

Chewelah HS: CHS has a committee working to refresh the HS and get its 501 (c) 3. New people are getting involved. Visitors shared that they wanted more interpretation of the artifacts.

There is a mayoral election coming up with the current mayor running and two others running against her.

KFHS: They are having a quilt auction. Other fund raising ideas were shared among the group.

The museum is now open every day but Tuesday. The baskets are still on display. The kiosk is up and working.

Joe: History Dollar: Joe's father's 95th birthday was celebrated in Seattle recently. He showed the book he had prepared for the event – a history of his father's life.

SCHS: The Volunteer Coordinator is hearing good comments from visitors. Lots of locals saying they didn't know there was a museum.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 for a walk to the site of the future location of the Little White School.