

# The Heritage Network

## Board of Directors

November 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Joe at the Old School House in Loon Lake. Present were Karen Struve, Susan Dechant, Joe Barreca, Sue Richart, De Pelan, Mary Jo Lovell, Bill Sebright, Melissa Silvio and Janet Thomas.

**Next Meeting:** March 19 at the Historical Society in Colville or Karen Struve's house.

**Minutes of the last two meetings:** Bill moved and Karen seconded to approve the minutes of the September meeting as written. Motion carried.

The October minutes were corrected. Sue moved to approve as corrected and Bill seconded. Motion carried.

**Election of Officers:** Karen reviewed the elections section from the bylaws. Nominated were the existing officers and Mary Jo, Bill and Karen were nominated as board members. Bill moved to accept the slate of officers and presented and to cast a unanimous vote for them. Motion carried. Note, I didn't hear a second.

**Theme:** We are out of theme subjects. A discussion was held about possible subjects for next year and beyond. It was suggested for next year the theme would be 1918 – a hundred years ago. It was suggested that the next 5 years be “a hundred years ago” in whatever area you are in or whatever subject is relevant about a hundred 100 years ago. It was agreed upon without a motion.

**Terra Cotta at Karen Meyer's:** Janet brought up the terra cotta that was taken to Karen's after it was removed from the Spokane County Courthouse. She was storing it for THN. De will contact Karen about the terra cotta and she will take some pictures to see what is actually there. THN can then make some decisions about the items and remove them from Karen's property. She has been very nice to let them be stored there.

**NE Washington Insider:** Joe reported on the activity on the Points. To date THN has received \$5,505.25 for the work we have done. Money has been disbursed to those who did the work. THN share is \$321.50. We still have some additional work to do and money to claim. Sue will do a detailed report for the next meeting so we will know the exact amounts.

**Crossroads:** Scott has notified Joe that he will no longer pay for the Crossroads fees to be on the Internet. Joe already paid for the Crossroads posting. Janet moved that THN reimburse Joe for the cost of posting. Bill seconded and the motion passed.

Indian Agency: Some of the bricks have been removed. It was decided the pile of cement rubble will be put in the pit under the front porch instead of trying to get it hauled away. It will have a vapor barrier on top of it. There is no access under the cabin from the porch.

The picture from the 1880's that the Historical Society has had some damage to it and Don Mc Laughlin used Photoshop to repair the damage and it has been used as the official picture of the cabin for several years. Recently another of the same photograph surfaced, it also had damage. Luckily the damage was in different areas. Suzy Bundy from Chewelah took the two photographs and made one good one. Now the people all have heads and feet that are not damaged. It also provides valuable information about the surroundings of the cabin.

The archaeologist who supervised the previous digs and is the actual applicant to DAHP for the permit to dig has left the Spokane Tribe and is now working for the Swinomish Tribe. He is the only one who can get the permit finished. Charlie contacted him and he believes that he can just write a letter saying that the work has been completed and that there is no reason to think there is a significant archaeological site on the property. That should bring the permit to a close.

**Research updates:** The Washington State Digital Archive now had the Commissioner's journals from 1860 to through 1913 on line. She still has a little loose ends to finish. Sue explained how to access them. Sue will return to the Winans Papers soon.

**Little White School House:** Melissa couldn't make the meeting today. It was reported that the cookbook is out. Her e-mail and Facebook addresses were given to those present so they could order cookbooks for Christmas.

Melissa came a little after 11:00 and brought cookbooks. There were enough for people to buy.

#### **Updates around the table:**

**KFH Center:** Joe reported on behalf of the center from an e-mail that Kathy had sent. More signs are being made which will include the Salish language.

Louann Atherley and Rette Bidstrup are working on points on the insider app. They want to add a few more points.

**Chewelah HS:** They did the *Light Up The Park* activity and the museum was open in the same evening for answering questions.

**Loon Lake:** They are re-partnered with the Friends of the Library and they had a book sale with a portion of the money going to the school.

They will have an event on December with fun things for kids, a book sale, and Santa pictures among other things.

There will be some changes in the displays for next year. They will gain a space to use for some targeted displays. The Loon Society is giving up the space they have used for a museum gift shop.

The gathering place for the Loonsday Walk will be the School House. Mary Jo will contact a musical group about playing at the end of the walk. This is the 34<sup>th</sup> Loonsday and will have new leadership this year.

**Clayton/Deer Park:** A friend of Bill's has a 1913 promotional plate and calendar from the Arcadia Orchard Store. Bill routed around a photograph of the plate.

**SCHS:** Don Birch will be the new president beginning January 1. There are two new members of the board.

The Keller House Christmas Tour will be December 1-2-3. The hunt in the house this year will feature Smokey Bear.

New artifacts from Graves Mountain Lookout were donated including a fire finder, radio, stove.

**NEWGS:** A DAR presentation was made at their meeting.

The Evergreen Cemetery will now begin closing and the gate locked for the off season. Lora created family trees on Ancestry.com about the people buried there. The headstones are nearly all cleaned and photographed.

The Society received a request for information about the Selkirk School District. Ideas were given about people or resources they might contact.

**History Dollars:** Karen Struve told of pictures she found in her brother's things. They were aerial photographs of Grand Coulee Dam during construction.

Mary Jo reported on information about the Island House on Loon Lake. They have a lot of pictures of it during its construction.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45