

The Heritage Network
Board of Directors
April 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Joe at 9:40 at the Learning Center of the McDowell Museum (Colville).

Present: Joe Barreca, Sue Richart, Bill Sebright, Kathy Berrigan, and Janet Thomas, secretary

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

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held at the Kettle Falls Historical Center.

Financial Report: Sue presented the financial report. The balance is \$2,422.55. A copy is attached.

HBC Fort Colville: Sue will provide a copy of the Washington State Historical Society Quarterly article about the Fort.

Joe led an organizational discussion about what to do and how to do it.

Joe proposed that there is a core group of people to guide the project. Joe will proceed to form the group.

Tik Tok: Sue discussed the subject as possible use in the future, particularly with the younger generation who are not using Facebook so much. Sue will follow through.

Going Virtual: A discussion was held about whether or not to use “virtual” as a means of having meetings. There are lots of pros and cons. We will try to do in-person meetings for the time being during the organizational phase.

Indian Agency/Cabin: Professors and students from EWU and UI will be in Chewelah the weekend of May 14-16. They are skilled in dendrochronology and will use that discipline to date the Agency cabin. The Agency cabin, the McCrea cabin and barn will all be tested. The professors are quite excited to have such ideal candidates to test. There are few candidates that have become available for testing.

New steps were installed at the north door making access to the cabin less dangerous.

Chinking is nearly finished and is waiting for the dating to be finished.

A man was referred to the HS for him to work off his community service. He did an excellent job cleaning the grounds and removed lots of debris.

It is hoped that the front step will be reset soon. It is not from the 1800's but was believed to have been installed by Dr. McPherson.

Research Update: Sue digitized the KF Cemetery records and the Commissioners' Journals are done up through 1899 with work still needing work in 1897.

Around the table:

Kettle Falls Historical Center: Kathy had to leave early so provided their spring newsletter for our information. A copy is attached to these minutes and will be provided to the membership at the next Heritage Network meeting.

Clayton/Deer Park: The Eagle is having problems with its surface again. That combined with rumors about the Clayton Drive Inn closing make moving the Eagle to the Clayton fairgrounds to get it under cover necessary. It will also be covered under some kind of shelter to avoid damage from the weather.

Some statues have surfaced that are thought to be made by Leno Prestini. The HS is moving to try to secure them.

SCHS: The HS received a donation from a woman whose father helped move graves to high ground prior to the water rising behind Coulee Dam. Among them were some native items and early 20th century swimsuits.