

The Heritage Network
Board Meeting
July 17, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 by President Joe at the Kettle Falls Interpretive Center.

Present: Bill Sebright, Kathy Berrigan, Jo Nullet, Susan Dechant, Sue Richart, Joe Barreca, and Janet Thomas, Secretary

Next Meeting: Northport has invited THN to come there for the next meeting. Joe will clarify the exact location. Likely it will be the community center

Minutes of the last meeting: Sue moved and Bill seconded a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Motion carried.

Financial report: Sue reported on the finances and the status of the funding from the Historical Tours project, The NE Washington Insider.

NE Washington Insider: The App has been up and running unofficially since late June. THN is doing 30 points including 8 points from Northport. Kyle Chamberlin did some writing for some of the points. The City of Colville has agreed that some of the money for establishing points could be used to buy more points. The rest of the money can be used to fill in the details of the points.

A discussion followed about the various ways to use the App and collect points etc. Clarification was given that the word point is used in two ways and it is a little confusing. Each site is called a point and so it the points you collect when you visit a site.

Indian Agency Cabin: A new photo of the cabin was found. It is a copy of the photo already at the museum, but it has different flaws in it, so it might be possible to Photoshop them together for one good copy. Gordon Dugan indicated that he had some old pictures of the cabin so he will be contracted again about them to see what they are.

The lumber for the porch decking has been picked up. Once that is installed, other work such as installing the windows can move forward. The next big job is the floor inside the building. Of course the vapor barrier is before the floor. Dirt is needed to backfill around the cabin.

A decision was made to change the focus of the wall. It will serve to conceal the electrical service and will hold the National Register plaque. Details about the ground in front of the wall will wait until commitments from the tribes are made about the flags and flagpoles.

The state legislature being unable to approve the next biennial budget until the very last minute caused some changes in the conditions of the grant. That actually turned out well. The project was moved into this biennium and the work plan was modified to be more in line with the way it is working out. Some things in the grant were provided free and others were not appropriate given how the project is progressing. The details of it are being worked out.

Research updates: Sue digitized the 1867-69 Winans store ledgers. A lot of the other Winans papers have to do with tracing the history of Stevens County as well as its formation. She also finished the second Stevens County road book. She will likely go back to WSU with Lynn August 11th.

Little White Schoolhouse: Melissa did not attend. She sent Joe an e-mail.

Augmenting the Website: Joe is concerned about getting information to people about the Insider points. He wants to do it the easiest way. Various ideas were discussed

Update and ideas from around the table:

Clayton/Deer Park: This Saturday is Settler's Day in Deer Park and Brick Yard Days is two weeks later. The CHS purchased a Prestini gold pan on e-bay. They got another old Deer Park yearbook from 1916.

Susan: The Vet's Civil War event went well. General Grant (Don McConnell) showed up as well. The Washington Civil War Society attended and brought a canon and fired it.

SCHS: SCHS now has a volunteer coordinator. The advertisements about visiting the museum are paying off with increased local attendance.

Replacing the original roof of the museum is planned after the season is over. Vendors are being interviewed.

Sue is working on the TripAdvisor. SCHS has not been showing up and Sue is correcting that.

Katie, the curator, is no longer working at the library so is working additional time at the museum.

KFHC: The kiosk is done and working. It is a nice addition, particularly for when the facility is closed. The update of the displays is complete and it looks quite good.

A group of teachers from EWU is coming and will have a training session in the center..

A quilt show and a concert were held and both were successful. A quilt raffle is still going on and will continue through the season with the drawing after the season is over.

Jo Nullet: A large box of things was given to Jo. She is going through them. Lanie Weigelt Perry's granddaughter was the donor. The Weigelts were residents of old Kettle Falls. Some of the items were suitable for KFHC and some at SCHS. After Jo goes through them, and copies of the appropriate pictures are made she will put the originals in the appropriate place.

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 and members were encouraged to take a look at the quilt that is being auctioned and take a look at the new displays.