



June 20, 2011

President Joe Barecca called the meeting to order at the Kettle Falls Historical center at 9:40 A.M. Board members present: Joe Barecca, Susan Dechant, Kathy Berrigan, Jackie Franks, Janet Thomas, Karen Struve, Grady Knight, Jo Nullet, De Pelan, Bill Sebright, and Sue Ritchart. Guests: Tracey Rice and Jean Woods.

**Approval of Minutes of May meeting:** Susan Dechant moved and Sue Richard seconded to approve with corrections, motion carried. One correction was that De and Jackie were omitted from the list of those present.

**Next regular THN meeting:** July 18 at 9:30 AM in Chewelah City Hall. Sue will make arrangements.

**Member updates:** NeWGS working on a monument; Clayton refocusing on Prestini with Wally Parker doing a blog; Valley schoolhouse has been stripped and funds needed to continue restoration (group reminded Jackie about the grant \$ available through THN); Loon Lake ready to scan and planning a wine-tasting in August (fundraiser with the auction usually produces \$4-5000); Kettle Falls will have an art show/sale in July; Kettle Falls Library had a Kettle Valley Tribune from 1908-1909 donated and an undated Christmas memento listing pupils; Grady reminded the group to let him know about events to put on the VisitStevens website, Ray d'Purt has a large scanner which can be used for outside papers and he will scan for members and Ray has about \$7,000 available for this year – bids needed. It was mentioned that Murry Shoemaker has an outdoor sound system that he will loan out.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue brought a report showing account balances as of 6 June 2011 of \$6142.78. Year-to-date income and expenses reported. Received for the period - \$842. Expenses for the period \$685.47.

Phone: Keeping the 800 phone line is costing more than its worth for the amount of use it gets. Confirmed that the Stevens County Historical Society will accept phone messages. We will have to make clear to people it is a message phone as it is answered "museum" or something like that. Bill Sebright moved to cancel the phone and Grady seconded. Sue will cancel it.

**E-mail:** Lynn Wells' e-mail has not been working.

**Preserve America:** Joe Barecca, and Joe Nullet are working at the Kettle Falls Library; Sue Richart and Tracey Rice are working in Chewelah and recruiting volunteers. They are 2/3 of the way done with Chewelah and making good overall progress. Sue reported that the NeWGS is getting up a database to track names. The Colonel Jenkins collections are the priority right now to get done before a Fairmont Cemetery free event on August 27 with Civil War re-enactors on hand. private parties are welcome to have their items scanned. Joe is making a searchable Website for towns (click on old towns website for links). Postcards are available to use for recruiting history volunteers. A supply was available and given to interested parties.

**Indian Agency Cabin:** Janet reported on the progress. Don McLaughlin is chairing an interdisciplinary/interagency committee working first on the history of the cabin. The open house group felt that restoring the cabin back to its original condition would be desirable including a time line of the use of the cabin. Some items have been donated including a Hudson's Bay Blanket, original documents, a secretary that looks like about 1890's or so. The committee chaired by McLaughlin will have a plan to present to the Historical Society by the end of September.

**David Thompson Brigade:** A discussion was held about the brigade activities over the weekend. It was a good activity with lots of fun and informative things going on.

**Geocaching:** Janet reported that the caches have been placed. She left a message for Darlene so we could get more details now that it is done. Anyone wanting to be added can be.

**Museum Security:** This was discussed due to some Indian Artifacts being taken from the Kettle Falls Historical Center thought to be during a school tour. A discussion of security followed.

**New Business:** Various historical videos of the area were discussed for possible use at Rendezvous. There is a lot of office equipment available though WSU and other institutions and it's free to us.

Recorded by Kathy Berrigan and Janet Thomas