

Washington County Historical Society
Executive Board Meeting – Minutes
Wednesday, February 7, 2007

Those present were: Russell Behrmann, Fred Armbruster, Bob Olsen, Joyce Whittaker, Anna Shaw, Elaine Tyler, George Cannon, Luana Hale, Lucia Christensen, LoAnne Barnes, Phyllis Lawton, Rolaine G. King, Jeannie Bates, David Bates, Laura Kay Cooper and Lynne Johnston.

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Whittaker at 8:30 AM. The minutes for the January 3rd meeting, recorded by Joyce Whittaker, were read, corrected and approved.

A motion was made and seconded to vote by acclamation for those willing to serve as officers for 2007. They are as follows:

President – Joyce Whittaker
Past President – Bart Anderson
Vice-President/President Elect – Russ Behrmann
Recording Secretary – Lynne Johnston
Correspondence Secretary – Lucia Christensen
Treasurer – David Bates
Grant Committee – Elaine Tyler, Phyllis Lawton
Newsletter – Jeannie Bates
Publicity – Anna Shaw
Membership –
Fundraising – Laura Cooper

The financial report by Fred Armbruster was read and approved. Fred reported a balance of \$ 7,044.29 in the checking account, \$5,000 in a CD at Village Bank, and \$10,000 in a CD at SunFirst Bank. We have ___ lifetime members and ___ corporate members. Elaine Tyler told of a new law that requires every 501(c)3 organization to file a Form 990 – needs to be filled out and registered with the State of Utah.

A motion was made and seconded to change the names on the signature cards at the banks. This has to be done because Fred Armbruster is moving. Joyce Whittaker and David Bates (amended to Russ Behrmann) will sign the signature cards.

There was some discussion on changing the time and place of the Board meetings. However, having the meetings at the library, at a different time would not work for a few of the Board members. It was decided that the meetings should remain at the Opera House at 8:30 AM on the first Wednesday of every month.

Elaine Tyler reminded everyone that the applications for grants are due in March. The grant money is to be used for preservation of historical places in Washington County. The communities have one year to use the money.

The Letters of Commendation for the historic preservation of homes were decided for the month of February – the Wright Home in Hurricane; March – the Miles Home; and for April – a home in Leeds, if the owner's are agreeable. Loanne will get the information.

Anna Shaw volunteered to contact Russ Behrmann to get information for publicity for the general meeting which will be held on Thursday, February 22 – at the old Court House on St. George Blvd. – 12:00 Noon. Bart Anderson will arrange for a speaker in March.

Community Reports:

Grafton: (possible commendation award in May)

St. George: Dr. Douglas Alder (was not at meeting)

Hurricane: Phyllis Lawton talked about a meeting with UDOT in regard to the new road in front of the Museum. UDOT wants to make a right hand turn at 200 West which would take off up to 20' from the front of the Museum. There will be litigation – if there is any money involved, it could be used to upgrade the building.

LaVerkin: Nothing to report

Leeds/Silver Reef: Loanne Barnes talked about two different projects –

1. The land on the west side of interstate 15 is privately owned. There is a historic cemetery owned by the city. The owner's mother wants to build trails through the area. \$30,000 has been spent on this property.
2. The old LDS Tithing House has been in the Beesley family for the past 50 years. Their son wonders if the City would buy the property. It is on the corner of Main Street. Loanne proposed that if the family would donate the property, ~~and~~ they could write it off. She had someone from the Presiding Bishopric come and look at the property. They told her they were not interested in purchasing it. Laura Cooper offered to help in raising money for the purchase of the property.

New Harmony: Rolaine King said they have been working on filing a 501(c)3 and it is almost done. She discussed the new County Library. There has been work done on restoring the John D. Lee Fort - 1854. New Harmony was his home. She handed out a poem written about a big Pine Tree on the Southwest side of town. She also talked about the Heritage Tree Program.

Santa Clara: Santa Clara has received a grant for ten new markers to be placed on historic homes. The City is going to be building a new city office building. A Pioneer Relic Museum will be housed in the basement.

Toquerville: Robert Olsen said the landscaping on the south side of the old Church/Town Hall was finished. They have also finished the Handicap access to the building.

The next Board meeting will be held on March 7th at 8:30 AM at the Opera House.

The meeting adjourned about 9:50 a.m.