

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 Board of Directors Meeting
 MINUTES ~ Wednesday, October 1, 2008

8:30 a.m. Called to order by Connie Childs (formerly Blake), President. Those in attendance were Connie Childs, Joyce Whittaker, Elaine Tyler, Bob Olsen, Phyllis Lawton, Trish Nelson, George Cannon, Jeannie Bates, Marie Hansen, Lewana Hale, Lori Rose, Laura Cooper, Lyman and Karen Platt.

Minutes of May and September meetings were read, corrected and approved. There was no financial report. *Wynne came late & Treasurer's report was approved.*

It was announced that Brit Kendall, the husband of our Washington City Representative, Yvonne Kendall, had passed away. A card expressing our sympathy was signed by those present.

George Cannon reported on the website. There has not been any new signups or any recent contributions. Only 21 persons have signed up. George made 2,000 business cards and has given out approx. 500. Connie felt like the site needs to be more user friendly. Elaine suggested that George talk to the County to see if we can be a part of their website.

COMMUNITY REPORTS:

FORT HARMONY: Karen Platt: SUU and BYU have been contacted regarding funding to rebuild the Fort.

October 11th is the New Harmony Apple Festival. At 10:00 a presentation on the fort will be given at the library. It will be the same as the presentation for the county tour. The Platts proposed that the tour for the County Historical Society should be on November 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Trish agreed to contact Bryan Passey at the Spectrum for publicity.

It was suggested that we carpool. Call Connie or Joyce.

Connie suggested that the college could video the county tours after October. We will have to pay for the cost of materials. Elaine suggested that the grant money be used for that purpose. Elaine made a motion to that effect, Phyllis seconded. Connie will check with the college about their videoing the presentations. They could be put together on a CD and used for possible fund raising in the future.

VIRGIN: Lori Rose reported that a final drawing for plans to reconstruct the old church is finished. Fund raising projects are in progress.

TOQUERVILLE: Bob Olsen said it has been proposed that the Old Church be turned into a Historical Museum. He brought a recently published book "Toquerville, Oasis in the Desert" by Cherrie Gubler Naegle. It sells for only \$15. It was suggested that the book should be in all branches of the county libraries.

SANTA CLARA: Joyce Whittaker reported that Swiss Days was a huge success. It was a "learning experience" to have everything held downtown. The parade was the best for a long time. A car show was held at the city park on Canyon View.

An artist, Julie Rogers, has been chosen to paint the historical mural in the new Town Hall Building. She is going to paint "on site" and should be ready to begin after the first of the year.

LAVERKIN: Lewana Hale reported that the play, *Little Women*, has been very successful. In November there will be a fundraising dinner for \$25.00. The old white church is being vacated soon and they are trying to decide what to do with it. They hope to be able to save at least the original part of the building. 11/7+8

IVINS: Marie Hansen reported that their Art Festival Saturday was not well attended. They will make sure they don't compete with Santa Clara's Swiss Days in the future. Ivins Heritage Days will be October 2.

HURRICANE: Phyllis Lawton reported that the roofing project on the museum has been completed. They received a CLG Matching Grant for \$8,000. Peach Days was held on Labor Day weekend. It was started in 1911.

In the remodeling at the Bradshaw House a bronze plaque was found in a closet. It related to the school house. A plaque on the water tank that is to be torn down will be donated to the museum. Bart Anderson still speaks on the 2nd Thursday. They hold the meeting even if he can't come.

There is a conference for Utah Museums in Layton, Utah on October 20-22.

DUP: Laura Cooper reported that a new training for officers was held in August. The artifact of the month for October and November was made of human hair. Laura announced that she is leaving to serve a full-time for the LDS Church.

Next Meeting will be November 5th.

Meeting adjourned approx. 9:40 a.m.