

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors' Meeting
MINUTES - Wednesday - January 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:30AM by our President, Connie Childs.

Those in attendance were Sherri Anderson, L. Karen Platt, Elaine Tyler, Bill and Emma Fife, Jeanette Bates, Connie Childs, Joyce Whittaker, Bob Olsen, George Cannon, Phyllis Lawton, Yvonne Kendall and Lynne Johnston. There were also two visitors who were present - Susan Crook representing Preservation Action and Leo Lyman representing the Old Spanish Trail Association.

The Minutes for the November 5, 2008 meeting were passed out. Connie asked each Board member to read them over. There were some corrections to the November Minutes - Once they were made, a motion was made and seconded to approve the November Minutes.

The Treasurer's Report was given - Elaine Tyler made a correction in the spelling of her last name and the name of her Trust which is Beckman Ashe Foundation. There is a balance of \$7,695.14 in the Checking Account. There was some talk as to putting the CD which is presently at Village Bank (\$5723.07) into a different bank with a higher interest amount (Zion's Bank - Interest rate 4.0%). That account becomes due on January 10, 2009. The CD account at Sun First Bank has \$10,977.79 @ 3.26% interest. That CD matures on April 11, 2009. After the corrections were made, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Trish Nelson resigned as Publicist of Washington County Historical Society. She has personal matters she needs to fulfill. Anna Shaw may resign also - Connie Child said she would talk to Brian Passey in regard to placing an article in the Spectrum - asking for more volunteers for the Committee.

Connie Childs mentioned that she will need a Vice President who can take over as President of WCHS next year.

Platt's mentioned that Roger Simister had a heart attack and may not be able to video any more of the field trips planned by the WCHS. Connie said she would "revisit" the Film Department at Dixie College.

The subject of the WCHS Newsletter came up. Joyce Whittaker stated that the Newsletter had been done quarterly. On the Newsletter, there was a space for Membership in WCHS. There was also a space to pay the Membership Dues. Karen Platt mentioned she had done the Newsletter in the past. Karen Platt may know someone who would be interested in doing the Newsletter. The dues are due in January. Joyce said that if Lynne had the e-mail address of the designated person who would be doing

the Newsletter, she could forward the minutes of the meetings to that person - a summary from each community could come off the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ivins - Emma/Bill Fife and Marie Hansen -

They have been working on the restoration of a two room adobe house. They spent \$1200.00 to have the inside plastered. They have money for new windows, but they have not done that yet. Emma then told the WCHS Committee that she would be taking a "leave of absence" for the remainder of the year - as her daughter needs help taking care of their children. Emma hopes that at some point she will be able to come back to the Committee. Marie Hansen will take Emma's place in representing Ivins.

Harmony Fort - Karen Platt

There is a new price of \$100,000 for 4.5 acres - improvements with water - 2.5 acres \$50,000 without water for the property around the Fort - the price has gone down about \$60,000. Karen talked about the fact that they have a person negotiating the price of the Fort property. When the Library is built, they will take into consideration the idea of expansion. There is another possibility - that they could take water from the Library to water the plants and trees. Someone from Cedar City has volunteered to help out.

Lyman Hafen will be talking on January 15th on the Arizona Strip. President-elect George Staheli - has gone on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Toquerville - Bob Olsen

Bob brought a new book written by Cherrie Gubler Naegle - "Toquerville - Oasis in the Desert" - a history of the early settlers of Toquerville and surrounding area - Very nicely done. The price for the book is \$15.00.

Santa Clara - Sherri Anderson

Sherri would be happy to take the WCHS and guests on a tour of the historical sites in Santa Clara i.e., the New Town Hall, the old Relief Society Building, the Hug-Gubler home, the Cemetery, and the approximate place of the Santa Clara Fort. It was decided that the tour would be January 27th - meet at the Town Hall at 9:00AM. Her son would drive us around in a 1948-49 old school bus. She would see if Brian Passey could advertise about the tour in The Spectrum. At the end of the tour, Sherri would see if the Painter who is painting the Mural at the top of the stairs in the new Town Hall would be willing to talk to us about her mural. There has been talk of a Museum in the basement of the New Town Hall, but it is unfinished right now.

Hurricane - Phyllis Lawton

Phyllis said there was "one good thing" - there would be no more road construction until the economy gets better. The City of Hurricane brought the property to Dr. Lasts and then the City Court House to the Old Police Station. There are two new markers' - one at the top of Main Street and the other across the river in LaVerkin, marking the Confluence Trail.

Bart Anderson had knee surgery.

Grants - Elaine Tyler

Elaine has not received the receipts from Leeds. She needs them.

Web Site - George Cannon

It was moved (Phyllis Lawton) and seconded (Lyman Platt) that the Board should give the necessary money to George to set up set up a website for WCHS. Elaine said she could register the "Domain Name" for \$15.00, and she could help George with the website. Each City represented on the WCHS Board then could link to that website. It was mentioned that "Picasa" site handles and manipulated photos easily. Everyone present said "aye" - in favor of a WCHS website.

Susan Crook - City of St. George - National Trust for Historic Preservation - Utah
Heritage Foundation - Washington County Historical Society

Susan handed out a Brochure - "Field Guide to Existing Granaries 2008" and thanked the Committee for the letter. The Brochure is a self-guided tour of the Granaries located around St. George. She also stated that there is presently no funding for park projects, highway bill and transportation bill. She and others will be requesting Congressional funds for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Dr. Leo Lyman - The "Old Spanish Trail"

Dr. Lyman introduced himself and his project. The Old Spanish Trail is found in different places - Mountain Meadows, Utah Mountain, Pinto, Hurricane and Paragonah. He would like an opportunity to speak at one of our meetings. The Platt's volunteered to have him speak at one of their meetings in February or March. He is organizing a Chapter in Moab. There are two books he recommended - Salt Lake to Los Angeles (I didn't get the Author's name) and The Spanish Trail by Leroy Hafen.

Connie had to leave the meeting before it was finished - Joyce Whittaker took over and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

The Communities in Washington County and their Founding Dates

New Harmony 1852
Santa Clara June 1854, became a ward 1860
Pine Valley 1856 Sawmill
Pinto 1857
Gunlock 1857,1862
Washington 1857
Toquerville 1858,1861
Virgin 1857, 1858
Rockville 1862
Springdale 1862
Bellevue (Pintura) 1858,1866,1868
Leeds 1866
Enterprise 1891
LaVerkin 1893
Hurricane 1906
Central 1909
Veyo 1911, 1914, 1916.
Ivins 1922,1924

Ghost Towns

Bloomington 1879
Dalton (above Virgin) 1864
Duncan's Retreat 1861
Dameron Valley 1859
Pintura (Ashton, Bellveue) 1863
Blue Springs (Kolob)
Grafton 1959,1862
Hamblin 1866,1873
Harrisburg 1864, 1868
Heberville/Price 1858,1863,1869
Hebron 1862, 1868 to 1905
Price 1870, 1874, 1879 to 1904
Middleton 1863
Mountain Dell (above Virgin) 1861
Mountain Meadows 1900
Pinto 1856, 1861, 1916
Shonesburg 1862-1893
Silver Reef 1876
Tonaquint 1856-1862
Fort Harmony 1852-1862
Adventure 1860

Source: *Under Dixie Sun* pp. 117-127