

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
MINUTES – Wednesday, February 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Connie Childs, our President. She welcomed all of those in attendance.

Those in attendance were Phyllis Lawton, Sherri Anderson, Marie Hansen, L. Karen Platt, Lyman D. Platt, Edwina Jones, Bob Olsen, George Cannon, Connie Childs, Joyce Whittaker, Jeannette Bates, Yvonne Kendall, Elaine Tyler, Lewana Hale and Lynne Johnston.

The minutes for the January 7, 2009 meeting were passed out. After those in attendance had read the minutes, Connie asked for any corrections. After the corrections were made, Joyce Whittaker made a motion to approve them and Phyllis Lawton seconded the motion.

Connie asked the Platt's if they would like to introduce their visitor. She is Edwina Jones, from New Harmony. Edwina is the Vice President over Publicity for the Harmony Fort.

Connie will check with Trish Nelson's husband to see about doing the taxes for WCHS.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Jeannette Bates. The balance in the checking account as of 2/4/09 was \$7,695.14. There are two CD'S – one at Sun First Bank - \$11,067.99, which will mature on 4/11/09. The other CD is at Village Bank – there is \$5,723.07 in the account, which automatically renewed on 1/10/09.

Both Joyce and Jeannette ordered new keys for the Post Office Box and never received them. Connie said she would check on that and see what happened.

The next Historical tour will be at Pine Valley, Sawmill and Pinto. We are to meet at the Pine Valley Church at 10 AM on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Lyman and Karen Platt will be the leaders' for the tour.

It was suggested that we do a tour of Washington for the month of April.

Connie is looking for someone who would volunteer for the Vice President now and be able to take the President's position in the fall of 2009. She is also looking for someone who would be interested in helping out with the publicity for WCHS.

Joyce brought a copy of the last newsletter which was sent out. Karen Platt said she had talked to Lin Floyd about the possibility of doing the newsletter, but she needed to talk to her again. Lynne Johnston said she would talk to Lin Floyd as she sees her at DUP.

Joyce asked each community to bring an article to submit to the newsletter. An article about the membership dues could be included in the newsletter. The newsletter should be sent out by the end of February. We would need to get Lin Floyd's e-mail address.

Brian Passey is going to do an article for the Spectrum on the Presidents' of WCHS – for the last 25 years. Would it be possible for him to mention in his article the procedure for joining WCHS and the amount for dues?

It was suggested that some of the Grant money could be used to pay Roger Simister for his videos of the monthly tours. Would it be possible to have the Grant money by the March Board meeting, so it could be used for the Pine Valley, Pinto tour? The Grant money could be carried over into the next year – should be done by May 2010.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### Harmony Fort – Karen Platt

There is an area 100 x 200 feet that has been fenced on three sides, except the front. It needs to be cleaned up. The North end is fenced 100' long. Platt's have submitted a proposal to continue an Archaeological Dig at the Fort. They have a meeting with representatives from Southern Utah University and Brigham Young University on February 5<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for "Stimulus and Infrastructure" money to build onto the Library. They want to add classrooms and an Interpretive Center – they also need a place to put Artifacts on display. Southern Utah University keeps all the Artifacts for the Bureau of Land Management.

Edwina Jones is very artistic and has a good knowledge of computers. Susan Crook ASLA, a Landscape Architect, will develop the landscaping for the Fort.

Platt's have arranged with Dr. Leo Lyman, President of "The Old Spanish Trail", to speak for the February Tour. The meeting will be on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – 10 AM at the Toquerville Town Hall.

##### Washington – Yvonne Kendall

Yvonne said her Committee has been working on getting a computer. They want to start labeling all the Artifacts in the Museum. George and Kathy Staheli have volunteered to be joint Vice-Presidents' of their Committee. They have good speakers planned for the March and April meetings. Dr. Leo Lyman will speak in March and Ben Holland (Elder Holland's brother) will speak in April.

The statue of John D. Lee – sculpted by Jerry Anderson – has been purchased by the John D. Lee Family Organization and is in storage. Threats have been given to Platt's and Jerry Anderson by the Mountain Meadow Massacre Association from Arkansas to dispose of the statue.

Toquerville – Bob Olsen

Bob did not have anything to report.

Southern Utah Cultural Center – Connie Childs

Connie mentioned that Lynne Clark, a Photographer in St. George, had approached her about using WCHS name to run her Grant through. Lynne Clark is writing a book about her collection of historical pictures. In order to use WCHS name, she would have to join our Association and be a member of our Committee. Connie stated that Lynne Clark could use her Southern Utah Cultural Center's name.

It was mentioned that Huntington Library in Pasadena/San Marino, CA has a lot of Southern Utah memorabilia.

Santa Clara – Sherrie Anderson

Santa Clara City received a Grant to do six or eight more Historical Plaques. Clark Staheli is donating a Brass Horn to Santa Clara Historical Society. Sherrie mentioned the need of Docents and it was mentioned that she could use the Easter Seals Service – she could contact Barbara Howard or Gina Jones her assistant.

La Verkin – Lewana Hale

The City is having a meeting about Art, Music and Dance.

Ivins – Marie Hansen

Their Committee is doing research on Anthony W. Ivins. The town of Ivins was named after him.

Hurricane – Phyllis Lawton

They are restoring an old house behind the Bradshaw Hotel. They are turning it into a "Tack Room." It used to be a Blacksmith shop. Five of the Easter Seal volunteers have been oiling and restoring some old saddles. They have a book of original historical pictures donated by Gordon Wood. Phyllis wondered where she could have copies of and restoration to the pictures done - someone mentioned the Steamroller Photo Shop. Another suggestion for photo restoration was the Utah State Historical Society. They are online at [http://history.utah.gov/research\\_and\\_collections/photos/index.html](http://history.utah.gov/research_and_collections/photos/index.html) She wondered about a "Labeling Machine" so they could label their exhibits in the Tack Room. They are available at Wal Mart for \$50.00.

Grants – Elaine Tyler

Elaine said that she is all up to date on the Grants. She also stated that three or four could be submitted.

**Web Site – George Cannon**

It was suggested that the Domain Name for WCHS could be “WCHS Utah.org.”

Phyllis Lawton will not be back to our meetings until Fall – she is having knee surgery on both knees – February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.