

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

The meeting was called to order by President Connie Childs at 8:25 AM. Connie thanked and welcomed all those who were present.

Those in attendance were: Connie Childs, Bob Olsen, Sherri Anderson, George Cannon, Doug Alder, Yvonne Spendlove, Yvonne Kendall, L. Karen Platt, LoAnne Barnes, Lyman D. Platt and Lynne Johnston.

The March minutes were read. A motion was made by Lewana Hale to approve them with the necessary corrections. Sherrie Anderson seconded the motion.

The Treasurer's Report was not given as Jeannie Bates was not present.

Thanks were given to Bob Olsen and the Platt's for arranging the February Historical Tour held at the Toquerville Town Hall. It was held on Saturday, February 21, 2009. Leo Lyman was the guest speaker. He spoke about "The Old Spanish Trail". There were 68 people in attendance.

The March Historical Tour will be in Pine Valley and Pinto. We are supposed to meet Lyman and Karen Platt at the Pine Valley Chapel at 10AM on March 28, 2009. Connie has made arrangements with Brian Passey (The Spectrum Newspaper) to put an article in the Spectrum telling about the Tour.

Connie has been working with the Spectrum to put articles in their newspaper to publicize the activities of the WCHS.

Lynne Johnston has volunteered to do the Newsletter.

Connie is still looking for a Vice President Elect of the WCHS -- for the 2010 year. She has faithfully served the two years which she agreed to do. Bob Olsen nominated and made a motion for Lyman Platt to become the Vice President Elect of WCHS. After some discussion and one dissenting vote, Lyman agreed.

Connie would like each representative from the different communities to write a paragraph or two and submit to her at - cblake.50@gmail.com – please send to her the day after each WCHS meeting. She will then be able to give those to Brian Passey at the Spectrum. He will be able to use the information in future publications.

GRANTS: Elaine Tyler

Elaine said everything had been turned in to her that she needed.

WASHINGTON: Yvonne Kendall

Yvonne said they need a Grant, but they are thinking they will wait until next year. They would like to install a better alarm/security system with cameras. George Staheli will be the new President of the Washington City Historical Society. Yvonne said she would talk to him. Elaine said they still had time to submit for the Grant – but by March 31, 2009.

Yvonne also mentioned that they will be having the “Cotton Festival” to celebrate Washington City’s 100th birthday. The celebration will start with the school year and continue through Veterans Day in November. They are going to place American Flags on all the graves and around on all the streets.

They will also be dedicating their new Library which overlooks the cemetery.

TOQUERVILLE: Bob Olsen

Bob has been searching for showcases for the future museum. He has three which have been donated. He is trying to get grant money from the State of Utah.

SOUTHERN UTAH CULTURAL CENTER: Connie Childs

No new developments.

SANTA CLARA: Sherri Anderson

Plans are being made to have a Veteran’s Memorial in the back of the Town Square. The Church donated the back of their parking lot for it.

In 2011/2012 it will be Santa Clara’s 150th birthday – the Charter for the City of Santa Clara was granted in 1862. They are planning a year long celebration. Sherri and a group of ladies are making a commemorative quilt which will be raffled off. They are also making a children’s book to tell the history of Santa Clara. Their future plans are to make the basement of the new Town Hall a museum.

ST. GEORGE: Doug Alder

Dr. Alder brought a brochure to hand out from Dixie College and The Endowment established by OC Tanner – advertising a presentation by Glen Leonard. Glen Leonard is one of the authors of “Massacre at Mountain Meadows”. It will be held on March 18, 2009 at the 7:00PM in the Tabernacle.

NEW HARMONY: Rolaine King

It was mentioned that Rolaine's health has not been the best. She sometimes feels that she is not getting the support she needs for her historical work from the Town of New Harmony.

LEEDS/SILVER REEF: LoAnne Barnes

She is still working on having six more rock pilasters (24 x 36) installed at the following locations:

1. Native American Trail to Interstate Exit
2. Leeds Tithing Office
3. Water Is Life - Shovel Is Divine from Ditches to Pipes
4. Sarah Ann and William Sterling Home
5. Civilian Conservation Corp – Leeds
6. They Were Poor, Hungry and Were Built to Last

LoAnne asked for suggestions as to where she might look for early pictures of the Leeds/Silver Reef area so that they might have pictures to put on the signs. Morris A. Shirt's book "Silver Sinners and Saints" is currently out of print. It would be nice if it could be re-printed. Some of the other places that were suggested were: BYU, Anderson Collection; California and Utah Historical Societies'; Huntington Library in Pasadena, CA; Western Americana Collection – Marriott Library.

They are still searching for the names of those buried in the two cemeteries – the Catholic Cemetery and the Protestant Cemetery. They have installed rock walls and wrought iron fences around the two cemeteries.

VIRGIN: Yvonne Spendlove

They are through with the engineering of the 2nd phase of planning for their old Church. They are going to build a new building behind the Church for the restrooms and a patio. They will use the Church for various things – such as a Children's Theatre and for Weddings.