

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors' Meeting
MINUTES – Wednesday – April 1, 2009

Connie Childs, our President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Those in attendance were: Joyce Whittaker, Doug Alder, George Cannon, LoAnne Barnes, Jane Whalen, George Staheli, Elaine Tyler, Yvonne Spendlove, Lyman D. Platt, L. Karen Platt, Jeannette Bates, Bob Olsen, Connie Childs, and Yvonne Kendall.

Jeannette Bates brought the Treasurer's Report for both March 2009 and April 2009. As of April 1, 2009 there is \$7,710.14 in the checking account. There was one new membership for Valerie Bailey Johnson. The two Certificates of Deposit were discussed. The CD at Sun First Bank is \$11,067.99 at 3.29% which will mature on April 11, 2009. It was suggested that it would be good to check with other banks and see what kind of interest is being paid on an \$11,000 deposit. There was a motion made by Bob Olsen and seconded by LoAnne Barnes, to wait and see if the interest rises – then make a change. It was also pointed out that there is \$7,000 plus in the checking account with no interest at Sun First Bank.

Connie gave Jeannie the new memberships. She also gave a statement to Jeannie for the yearly State Renewal which is for \$7.00.

The date for the Historical Tour to Pine Valley, led by the Platt's, was changed to May 16, 2009. It was decided to do Washington City before Pine Valley. There might be too much snow at Pine Valley – it was decided to wait until a little later. George Staheli discussed the advertisement for the field trips to the different towns. They each could be advertised on the radio as a Public Service Announcement. The representative from each town could advertise in their local community. It was suggested to have a representative from the Spectrum and other community newspapers on our Board.

We could use a representative from Pine Valley, Pinto, Hamblin, and New Castle. A few names were suggested – Annette Graf, Harmon Snow, Mary Snow, Wayne Stucki, and the Burgesses.

Elaine Tyler moved and Joyce Whittaker seconded the motion to give the Bart Anderson family a \$100 donation from The Washington County Historical Society.

Connie asked the members of the Board to think of something special that WCHS could do to honor Bart Anderson. The Anderson home address is 425 E. 900 S. #447 St. George, UT 84790. Their phone number is (435) 628-1365.

Connie said she would talk to Trish Nelson's husband in regard to the taxes which are due on May 15, 2009.

Lynne Johnston volunteered to do the Newsletter. She stated she would notify everyone to send a short paragraph about their activities for each community to her email address. She did not have the correct email addresses for some of the members. Once that was corrected, she sent a second notice to those who she had not made contact with. It was suggested that the new WCHS website be added to the Newsletter. That website is <http://wchsutah.org>.

Elaine Tyler wondered if the requirements for a Grant could be changed/modified. She suggested that:

1. Grants are only given to Board members (this has already been approved by the Board).
2. The deadline for a submittal of an Application must be no later than the March Board meeting. (Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month.)
3. The Board can discuss and approve the Application at the April meeting.
4. The Grant will be presented at the May meeting.
5. The project will need to be finished by May of the following year.

Elaine made a motion for the Board to approve these changes. Yvonne Kendall seconded the motion. Everyone present at the meeting said "Aye".

There were two Applications submitted last month – one for Fort Harmony and the other for the City of Washington.

Fort Harmony (the Platt's) would use the money for cleaning up the area at the Son Daniel Camp. They would install picnic tables and benches.

The City of Washington (Yvonne Kendall and George Staheli) would use the money at their School/Museum building. It will be 100 years old. They are gathering information for displays (and possibly a book) – such as the early school principals, school teachers, students, early irrigation and farming, histories of the early settlers, and the history of Washington City. They have estimated they will need approximately \$5,000 to frame pictures, buy display cabinets, and refurbish artifacts. When they finish one project, they will add another.

Elaine reminded the Platt's, Yvonne Kendall, and George Staheli that the projects would need to be completed by May of 2010.

There was discussion and suggestions from the Board to Yvonne and George in regard to the museum. Doug Alder wondered who would compile their book. He also said, "An amateur museum looks like an antique store. When you go into a museum you need to see a good design, a variety of themes, and history about it."

Connie said she was more concerned about a good alarm system for the School/Museum. George told her that they are trying to work with the City of Washington in regard to a better alarm system.

Joyce Whittaker said, "We have given two \$1,000 Grants a year in the past". Doug Alder made a motion to give two \$1,000 Grants this year and Jeannie Bates seconded the motion – one to Platt's for Son Daniel Camp and the other to George Staheli and Yvonne Kendall for the Washington City Historical Society, to be used at their School/Museum. The Grant for Washington City Historical Society will be given at our field trip on April 25, 2009.

The City of Grafton was encouraged to apply for a Grant next year.

George Cannon told us about his progress in setting up a Washington County Historical Society website. Elaine wondered if the information George was using, had uploaded correctly. It will cost \$9.00 per month to host. It was suggested to use the website "Picasa" to upload pictures, etc.

Karen Platt told about the History Award that Utah State Historical Society gives each year. She thought it might be appropriate to submit Bart Anderson's name for that award.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Washington: Yvonne Kendall and George Staheli

The field trip around the City of Washington will be on April 25, 2009. Everyone should meet at the School/Museum parking lot at 10:00 AM.

On Thursday, May 21, 2009, Dennis Holland will be speaking about the Mormon Battalion. The meeting will be held at 7:00 PM at the Relief Society building on Telegraph Road. Everyone is invited to come.

Virgin: Yvonne Spendlove

Yvonne said they are trying to finish up the work on their restoration of the Church project. She also told a very interesting story about Louis Fish who is 82 years old. Louis Fish kept great journals (10 of them) from the late 1800's to the early 1900's. He has recorded a lot of information about the City of Enterprise. Joseph Fish is transferring the journals into a digital format. Doug Alder stated that the records of Louis Fish would be very important.

Leeds/Silver Reef: LoAnne Barnes

LoAnne mentioned that the signs for the rock pilasters (monuments for the six historical sites) have been sent for fabrication. She also suggested for everyone to look at the new website www.Leedstown.org.

Toquerville: Robert/Virginia Olsen

A monument of Chief Toquer will be placed at the Toquerville Cemetery.

Southern Utah Cultural Center: Connie Childs

Lynne Clark, a St. George Historian/Photographer, has been applying for grants through Connie's Foundation.

St. George: Doug Alder

The Robert Gardner family had a reunion in St. George. One of their activities was at the Tabernacle. There were over 1,000 people who attended the celebration. The family dedicated the life-size statue of Robert Gardner, which is in the center of the round-a-bout at Tabernacle and Main Streets.

Every other year, the History Department at Dixie College sends representatives to England to visit Oxford University. They exchange information with the History Department at Oxford University. On alternating years Oxford University sends a representative to St. George to visit Dixie College. This year a Professor Mosely will be speaking at the Tabernacle Friday, April 3, 2009 at 7:30 PM. It is a major event for St. George and Dixie College.

Hurricane: Phyllis Lawton

UDOT has notified the City of Hurricane that there is still preparation work that needs to be done before they can start/finish their next phase of road work. All the South side of the highway and in front of the Museum will be finished by January 2010. They have finished from 100 N. to the City offices. The Budget committee has approved enough money to finish the new Hurricane Elementary which is above the City offices. They will move from the old Hurricane Elementary school to the new school by January 2010. The City plans to buy the old school property downtown as part of the Downtown Revitalization Project.

Grafton Heritage Partnership: Jane Whalen

Grafton applied to become listed on the National Historical Register ten years ago. The Application was never finished. The cemetery was on Bureau of Land Management property. They recently paid \$2,000 to have the registration updated. They have applied "pioneer stucco" to the walls in the living room of the Russell home. The Grafton cemetery has 85 people buried there. There are approximately 30 mounds of dirt. One suggestion was to use Ground Penetrating Radar to see where the bodies are. The cost would be \$4,000.

Lyman Platt donated the Copyright to his book "Grafton on the Rio Virgin" to the Grafton Heritage Partnership. They are going to have the book reprinted.

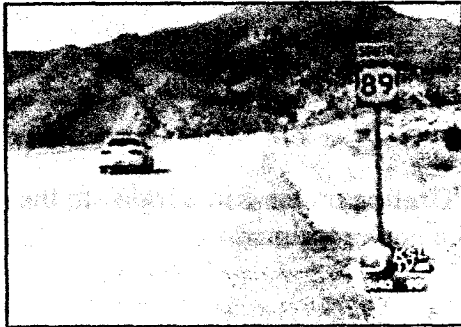
Harmony Fort: Lyman and Karen Platt

Lori Hunsaker from the Utah State History, Archaeology Department, is training a group in regard to writing Mutual Agreements correctly. She and Wilson Martin and others from Utah State History will come and train those that wish to be trained upon request. If you want further information on the Mutual agreements, call Karen at 867-8422.

Fort Harmony was renewed as a Utah Non-Profit Organization. Utah Non-Profit Association has monthly training seminars in Salt Lake and throughout Utah on a variety of subjects. Check their website for information (Google Utah Non Profit Association). If anyone at WCHS wishes to be included in these trainings or wants additional ones, check with the Platt's.

Two attachments have been copied for your information. One is an article on Highway 89 in Central and Southern Utah which has been designated as the "National Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area". The other is a map of some of the Historical Sites in the City of Washington.

Connie closed the meeting at 9:40 AM.



Stretch of Hwy 89 Designated as Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area

August 6th, 2006 @ 6:24pm

Sam Penrod reporting

A bill has passed Congress, designating a 250-mile stretch of Highway 89 in Central and

Southern Utah as the National Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area.

The designation comes after more than six years of work, lobbying Congress, but it will mean up to ten million dollars over the next ten years to improve historical areas and bring tourism to the area.

Long before I-15, Highway 89 was the main route from north to south through Utah. Preserving that early history is what the National Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area is all about.

Monte Bona, Exec. Dir., Utah Heritage Highway 89 Alliance: "It's basically an economic development initiative that uses heritage tourism as its base."

The designation is 250 miles of Highway 89 from Fairview in Sanpete County, to Kanab in Kane County and the towns and cities in between.

Organizers of the project have been working for years to secure federal funding. They believe highway 89 holds a lot of history and can bring in a lot of tourists."

Monte Bona, Exec. Dir., Utah Heritage Highway 89 Alliance: "To achieve national designation, you have to show something significant in national history happened there and our thesis is that the best example of how the Mormon pioneers colonized the west, can be found along highway 89 from Fairview to Kanab and the Boulder Loop."

Besides the historical areas of towns and cities that Highway 89 passes through, it will also help recognize the scenic areas and recreational opportunities as well.



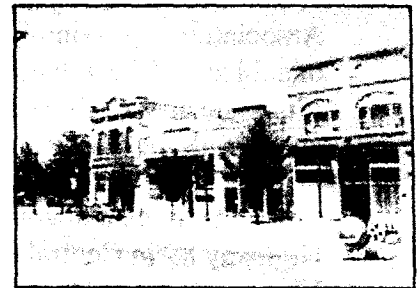
Monte Bona, Exec. Dir., Utah Heritage Highway 89 Alliance: "The idea behind it is to promote the events, to preserve our heritage and attract people here who want to appreciate it and understand it."

From art galleries to historic locations, communities along the highway can apply for matching funds to make improvements and showcase the history along Highway 89.

Monte Bona, Exec. Dir., Utah Heritage Highway 89 Alliance: "In terms of our history what is now the highway 89 corridor was kind of the entity that brought all these communities together."



The money from the federal government is for matching funds, so local organizations will have to come up with half of the money and then get approval from the US Department of the Interior.

There are 27 of these National Heritage Areas in the country.





ROAD CLASSIFICATION

 Primary highway


Historical Sites
WASHINGTON CITY
UTAH

2004



212



MHS

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Foothill Dr

Telegraph St

Sequoyah Dr
 Will Rogers Dr

524 E
 100 S
 140 S
 160 S
 590 E

Angie Ln
 Pennee's Pl

Parkview Dr

Village Way C
 Palo Verde Dr

Frontier Dr
 Wagonwheel Dr
 Cottonmill E
 Pioneer
 Colony Cir
 Scenic Dr E
 Redrock Dr
 Cotton mill Cir

Bulloch St
 Pectol Aye
 Rd
 Huntington Hill

Mangum Rd
 Rocco Rd

Spring Hill Dr
 Spring Cir
 575 S
 700 E
 Cherry Cir
 Apple Cir

Warm Springs Cir
 Liberty Cir

100 W
 Main St
 100 E
 200 E
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Millcreek Cir

Vincent Ln

Lounsbury Cir

Juniper Cir
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 Longhorn Lobo Ln
 Canon Rd
 Rosita Cir
 Calle Violeta Rd
 Quail Ridge Dr
 Quail Ridge Cir
 Cactus Ln
 Playa Della Rosita
 Pinarrita Blvd

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2004 Tour of Washington City

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| 1- Washington Museum | North East corner of Telegraph St.
and Main St |
| 2- Monument Plaza | Just West of Rock School Telegraph
and Main St. |
| 3- Monument and Granary | 75 E on Telegraph St. North side of
the road |
| 4- George Washington Monument | City Offices 111 N. 100 E |
| 5- Daughters of Utah Pioneers
monument | NW corner of the LDS church on
Main St |
| 6- Relief Society Hall | 89 W. Telegraph St. |
| 7- Cotton Factory (Star Nursery) | 300 W. Telegraph St. on south side of
Telegraph St. |
| 8- Adair Springs Monument | 135 N. 200 E. |
| 9- Covington's Home | 181 E. 200 N. |
| 10- Site of John D. Lee's home | 110 E 200 N |
| 11- Monument on the Virgin River | Just north of river where Washington
Fields Road crosses the river |
| 12- Nission Park, Water Wheel and
plaque | South West corner of Telegraph and
200 W |
| 13- Washington City cemetery | 150 N. 300 E. |
| 14- Walking and cycling trail | Starts on the west side of Nisson Park
200 W & Telegraph. |
| 15- Cotton Town Village | 35 N. 300 W |