

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors' Meeting
MINUTES – Wednesday - September 2, 2009

Connie Childs opened the meeting at 8:35 AM. She welcomed everyone.

Those in attendance were: Bob Olsen, Ralph and Carol Christensen, George Staheli, Lyman and Karen Platt, George Cannon, Elaine Tyler, LoAnne Barnes, Connie Childs, Joyce Whittaker, Jeannie Bates and Lynne Johnston.

The Minutes from the May 6, 2009 meeting were read. Elaine Tyler made the motion to approve the minutes with the corrections and Joyce Whittaker seconded the motion.

Jeannie Bates gave the Treasurer's Report. As of August 31, 2009, the expenses were \$188.64 and the donations equaled \$450.00. The balance in the Checking Account was \$7,971.50. There are two Certificates of Deposit – One is at Sun First Bank - \$11,156.96 which matures on October 11, 2009 and the other is at Village Bank – \$5,817.39 which matures on January 10, 2010.

Village Bank would not give Jeannie any information about the CD there, because they said she was not a "Signer" on the account. Connie said she would go in and check on that. Jeannie thought she had signed with the others there.

Jeannie also said that Sun First Bank tried to charge her \$20.00 for a copy of the monthly statement. Connie said that shouldn't happen. Some Banks have the information online now so that you can look up the information at no charge. She said she would look into that also.

Elaine Tyler wondered why we had to pay for the Taxes this year. She thought someone could donate their time.

LoAnne Barnes made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Phyllis Lawton seconded the motion.

In order to solicit funding (i.e. the Newsletter and Website) we need to fill out the information for a Permit from the Utah Division of Consumer Protection.

Should the next Newsletter be done now – or early in 2010 – so people would have more time to plan for the Field Trips – also more time to donate their dues and other donations.

Grants: Elaine Tyler said she has all the information and copies of receipts she needs from the following communities – Hurricane, Leeds, Santa Clara and Ivins. She wondered if San Daniel Camp (Platt's) and Washington City (George Staheli) had received their Grant checks.

Bob Olsen introduced Carol and Ralph Christensen who will be representing Toquerville on the Committee. The Committee thanked Bob for his years of service.

The next Field Trip will be held on September 19, 2009 at the old Church in Toquerville. It is located at the corner of Old Church Road and Toquerville Blvd. Take the Toquerville exit 27 off the I-15 Freeway. Turn right and go 3 miles. The Church is on the left side of the street – you can't miss it.

It was suggested that the next field trip be in Gunlock. Lyman Platt said he would conduct the tour in November. Should the Shivwits and Gunlock be done the same day?

The Paiute Indians and the Mountain Meadow Massacre – The Prophet of the LDS Church invited one gentleman to talk about his thoughts on what happened at the Massacre.

George Staheli wondered if we could do an all day workshop at the Washington City Museum – the sooner the better – George said he could provide lunch. Connie said she would check on it.

Website: George Cannon told about the 2000 Files he has put on our Website. There are pictures of buildings, historic houses, historic monuments, 600 class pictures from local schools – he is asking for help in identifying some of the old places and pictures. He had a call from a lady who identified her old house. George has the necessary permission to post a book on the Website with information about the Musicians of Southern Utah.

It was suggested that George make sure he has permission to post information about the different subjects from the “rightful people” before he posts their information.

Joyce Whittaker wondered if she should contact someone at the Opera House to see if she can hang the Plaques of Lifetime Members there. The Chamber of Commerce is moving and she is worried about what may happen to those plaques.

George Staheli wondered about compiling a list of those who have wagons, surreys, buggies, handcarts, teams of horses – available people who in a short time could volunteer to help out with historical activities. There is an organization from Salt Lake that goes to Cove Fort, Manti, etc. – Joyce wondered if they could come be a part of the Swiss Days Parade. George said he would get a list of people to her. He also told about Dean Terry – his hobby is owning the old Stagecoaches, Surreys and Wagons. Washington City has a collection of 100 year old Tractors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Washington – George Staheli

George passed around a booklet “Highlights of Early Education in Washington” which they printed with some of the Grant Money. One of the interesting things mentioned was a one year salary for a teacher was \$399.99.

Their first Educational Meeting will be held on September 17th at 7PM in the Relief Society Hall on Telegraph Road. The subject will be about the Willie Martin Handcart Company.

This past year 3,000 school children visited their Museum. The City owns the building. The Washington City Historical Society has a long term lease on the building - \$1.00 per year. They get terrific support from the City, the Mayor and the City Council.

Toquerville – Bob Olsen

September 19th please meet at the “Old Church” at 10:00 AM for the Field Trip. Ace Hardware in Hurricane donated three display cases for the Museum. The City of Toquerville bought the Town Hall and Church. Bob wishes that they would quit renting out the Church building for things like birthday parties, etc.

Carol Christensen stated that it would be nice if they could get the City Council to understand about restoring and preserving the historical buildings.

Santa Clara – Joyce Whittaker

Swiss Days will be on September 25th and 26th this year. Joyce’s mother will be the Grand Marshall in the parade. The City has designated one-half of the basements in their new Town Hall to be a Museum. They have started collecting artifacts, etc.

Southern Utah Cultural Center – Connie Childs

Connie is trying to make arrangements to have Will Bagley come talk to us.

Leeds-Silver Reef – LoAnne Barnes

An “overview” of the buildings and their history would be nice to have. LoAnne will check to see what history or information about Leeds could be put on our Website.

The City of Leeds inquired about what they could do to restore and preserve the public lands. Some of the land is owned by Bureau of Land Management and other areas are part of the Dixie Forest. The Historic Corridor - they could work with public lands, the city and the developer.

Fort Harmony – Lyman and Karen Platt

Recently came in contact with a descendant of Lamond Welcome Huntsman. Lyman was able to look through an old trunk – he found many interesting things, such as

letters from the 1880's, journals, histories, a history of the town of Ephraim, Pioche, Panaca, and Pine Valley, and one hundred year old pictures. There was also information about settlements in St. Joseph and Clover Valley. There was a variety of information about other subjects also.

Karen Platt told about submitting Roger Simister's name to Utah State Historical Society in regard to volunteering his time to take movies, etc. at so many of the Historical meetings and activities in Washington County. He was chosen to be a recipient of the award. There will be a three day event – workshops on Thursday, Friday tours of Northern Utah and then their annual meeting.

New Harmony – Rolaine King

Rolaine sent an e-mail telling about the tall “John D. Lee” tree which had burned down in this last committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.