

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES – Wednesday – December 2, 2009

The meeting was opened by President Connie Childs at 8:30 AM. Connie thanked everyone for coming.

Those in attendance were Joyce Whittaker, Jeanine VanderBruggen, George Staheli, George Cannon, Susan Crook, LoAnne Barnes, Jeannette Bates, Connie Childs, Elaine Tyler and Lynne Johnston.

The minutes from the November 4, 2009 meeting were taken by Jeanine VanderBruggen, as Lynne Johnston was ill and not able to attend. They were not read or approved, as Connie had called the December meeting only to talk about the “variety of items which belong to the WCHS” and are stored at the Old Pioneer Court House. She noted that generally there is not a December meeting because of the Christmas and New Years Holidays.

Jeannie Bates gave the Treasurer’s Report. As of November 3, 2009, the balance in the Checking Account at Sun First Bank is \$7950.50. There is a CD Account at Sun First Bank in the amount of \$11,296.11 @ 1.49% which will mature on 4/11/10. There is a CD Account at Village Bank in the amount of \$5,014.87 @ 4.50% which needs to be renewed on 1/10/08.

Connie wondered if there would be a problem in the future with Sun First Bank, as she had heard that they were “struggling”. She also wondered if the FDIC covered CD Accounts as they do with Checking Accounts (\$250,000). Doug Alder called Sun First Bank and was reassured that the CD Accounts are also covered. There was a motion made by Lynne Johnston to keep both the Checking Account and CD Account at Sun First Bank. Elaine Tyler seconded the motion and everyone said “aye”.

The Treasurer’s Report was approved by the committee members.

On November 18, 2009, Connie Childs, Elaine Tyler and George Cannon did a “partial” inventory of the items which are stored and owned by WCHS at the Old Pioneer Court House. That inventory is attached to these minutes.

Elaine Tyler donated from her Beckam Ashe Foundation \$1500.00 to the WCHS. The money is to be used only for the purpose of organizing and taking care of the “variety of items which belong to the WCHS” which are stored at the Old Pioneer Court House, i.e. file cabinets, temporary storage until a permanent storage can be arranged, etc. We want to thank Elaine for her generous donation to WCHS.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE ABOVE TALKED ABOUT “ITEMS” ??????????

THE LEGACY BOOKS

Anna Shaw and Barbara Watson were in charge of the books. Apparently there has been an “agreement/letter” between Anna Shaw and the St. George Art Museum. Connie Childs said she would contact Anna to find out what exactly should be done with the Legacy Books which are stored along with the WCHS items. Both Russ Behrmann and the Art Museum have been selling them (however not many have sold) for \$100.00, some of which was supposed to be donated to WCHS. Connie checked with the clerk at the Museum and she said she just turns the money over to the City of St. George. There is no record keeping as to where the money goes.

If the books do belong to the Museum, the consensus of the committee was that the books should be taken to them for storage.

THE PRINTS AND OTHER ITEMS (SOME OF WHICH ARE LISTED ON THE PARTIAL INVENTORY SHEETS)

Apparently some of the Prints have been sold with out the knowledge of WCHS. Doug Alder and some of the other committee members said that WCHS should let bygones be bygones as far as tracking down the money that was/or should be given to the WCHS.

Some of the suggestions as to what to do were given by Doug Alder, George Cannon, Connie Childs, LoAnne Barnes, George Staheli, Joyce Whittaker, and Jeannine Vander Bruggen. If I missed any, I am sorry (Lynne Johnston).

- Let each Museum sell the Prints that pertain to that area. Give them an incentive by splitting the cost of the print – sell the print for \$25 – give WCHS \$15 and the Museum would keep the \$10.
- Scan the different Prints and advertise them on WCHS website.
- Advertise and sell on different websites such as Utah Heritage Foundation, Washington County, St. George City, St. George Tourism
- Advertise and sell at The Spectrum (Brian Passey), Tuachan, St. George City’s Birthday Party, the Art Festival in April (\$135 for a Booth – Gary Saunders and Ken Perkins),
- Could use PayPal for Prints sold on the Internet

When all was said and done –

- Doug Alder said the best idea was to delegate:
 1. Set up a committee to handle everything to do with the “items”
 2. WCHS Board should set the price for the Prints
 3. Advertise
 4. Use a Contract/Form for each seller to use (help keep track of how many sold and how much money collected – Doug Alder had a form he would give as an example)

- Doug Alder made a motion to set the price for each Print at \$25.00 with \$15.00 for WCHS and \$10.00 to the seller. The dollar amount would be reviewed quarterly by the WCHS Board members. The “St. George Temple” Print designed and painted by Del Parson would be sold for \$100.00 - \$60.00 to WCHS and \$40.00 to the seller. George Cannon seconded the motion and everyone present voted “Aye”.

- Connie Childs and Lynne Johnston volunteered to form a committee to do what is necessary to document the Prints, find a better place to store them, find ways to sell them, etc. George Cannon will work with them to advertise these offerings on the WCHS website.

- Who paid for the picture frames which are being used by the Chamber of Commerce to display the Prints? Does anyone know? Joyce Whittaker said that Anna Shaw might know.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

Susan Crook, Field Representative for Southern Utah, of the Utah Heritage Foundation invited everyone to a reception honoring Kirk Huffaker. Kirk is from Salt Lake – also a member of Utah Heritage Foundation. He is promoting projects for Historic Preservation. The reception is to be held at the historical home of Bill and Lynn Cobbs here in St. George. Their home is at 298 S. 300 W. - Wednesday, December 9th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.