

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday – January 27, 2010

The meeting was opened by President Lyman Platt. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

The following were present at the meeting – Lyman D. Platt, Doug Alder, Elder and Sister Anderson, Joyce Whittaker, Annette Densley, George Staheli, Susan Crook, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Mike Empey, George Cannon, L. Karen Platt, LoAnne Barnes, Elaine Tyler, Carol Christensen, Leo Lyman, and Lynne Johnston.

Lyman asked if everyone had read the Minutes from the January 6, 2010, Meeting. There was a variety of “Yeah’s and Nay’s. The Minutes were approved as read on the WCHS Website.

Joyce Whittaker gave Lyman the Treasurer’s Files as Jeanette Bates has resigned. I am not sure if the Treasurer’s Report was read and approved. There was a Treasurer’s Report dated January 25, 2010 which was handed out.

**Discussion in Regard to Moving Materials from Old Courthouse Basement to New Storage Facility – Basement of the Old Zion Bank Building (located at 10 North 100 East)**

Doug Alder mentioned that St. George City owns a block and Washington County owns a block in downtown St. George. Lyman and Doug went to see Commissioner Eardley (Washington County) and he suggested that they go to the old Zion’s Bank Building – that they should check out the cement room in the basement of that building to see if it would be an appropriate place to store WCHS materials. Apparently another group is storing their supplies there also. There are shelves on the South side of the room which could be used by WCHS. There is also room for the file cabinets. Elaine Tyler stated that the money she had donated to WCHS could be used for new file cabinets, desks, chairs and any other supplies needed to facilitate the move.

Do we need to finish the inventory of the WCHS materials before the move?

**Three Year Commitment For President of WCHS**

- President Elect for one (1) year
- President for one (1) year
- Past President for one (1) year

### **What is the Correct Procedure to Sell the Prints Owned by WCHS and Other Items of Interest?**

Once WCHS gets organized at their new facility, the following suggestions were made on how to sell the Prints:

- WCHS needs to write up a “Consignment Letter” stating that each Print should be sold for \$25.00. WCHS will be paid \$15.00 for each Print and the party who sells the Print will receive \$10.00 per Print.
- Each Party wanting to sell/buy the Prints or other items will sign the Consignment Letter.
- There was a Motion made by Susan Crook that the money from the sale of the Prints/Books, should be collected Quarterly (January, April, July, September). The Motion was seconded by Elaine Tyler. All present said “Aye”.
- Doug Alder suggested that the Treasurer of WCHS should have the responsibility to collect the money. The Treasurer should also keep a “Tally” of how many items had been sold. (Doug called it a “Home Teaching” assignment)
- As an example - items could be sold at the following places:
  - DUP Museum
  - Washington City Museum
  - Leeds/Silver Reef Museum – Wells Fargo Museum
  - St. George Art Museum
  - Online - George Cannon would post the Prints on the Website
  - Check with Lyman Hafen if WCHS would be interested in selling the Book “A History of Washington County” by Douglas Alder and Karl Brooks
- Lynne Johnston will call Anna Shaw and ask who did the framing for the Prints which are hanging in the Chamber of Commerce Building
- If George Cannon can sell the Prints on the WCHS Website who will go get the Print, wrap it for mailing and then mail the package – or deliver it if someone in St. George or surrounding communities buys one?
- Will George have to add Sales Tax to items bought over the Internet?
- Lyman Platt said they could sell Prints on the Fort Harmony Website
- Washington County spends \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year promoting tourism
- Make sure WCHS is listed on the City of St. George and Washington County’s Website

Joyce Whittaker did talk to Gary Sanders about selling the WCHS Prints at the St. George Art Festival. Gary told her that WCHS does not meet the “Criteria” of the Art Festival. The Art Festival is for the Artists’ to show their Art work.

### **Field Trip for February**

LoAnne Barnes announced that the next Field Trip would be on February 6, 2010. It will be held at the Leeds Town Hall which is on the East side of Main Street in Leeds. It will be held at 10:00 AM. She passed out a wonderful Packet of information about the Historical Places we would be looking at. After the tour is over, she invited everyone to stay and eat a Chili and Salad Lunch – back at the Town Hall. The places she will show us are:

- The Old Schoolhouse – now the Town Hall
- The Leeds Tithing Office – 1891-92
- The CCC Camp – 1939
- The Protestant Cemetery
- The Catholic Cemetery

### **An Interesting Find at Fort Harmony**

Karen Platt told an interesting story – they were cleaning up around Fort Harmony and Lyman picked up a “shard” inside the fence – not really knowing what it was. Several people who were helping with the clean-up came over and took a look at it. Some of them thought it could be a piece of human skull. The Platt’s sent pictures of the “shard” to the State of Utah and then the actual “shard” to have it tested. The report came back. It was indeed a piece of human skull. The report estimated it to be that of an 8, 9, or 10 year old child. It is said that Emma Lee buried her baby somewhere there. At one point in a flood the entire West wall of the Fort collapsed, killing two children. Over the years, two to six feet of dirt have washed over the floor of the Fort from the West side of the property.

### **Other Items of Interest**

Joyce Whittaker, WCHS Historian, has a Ten (10) Year History of WCHS. She would like to give it to George Cannon to put on the WCHS Website.

Dr. E. Leo Lyman, President of “Old Spanish Trail Association” (OSTA) will be speaking about the “Southern Paiute Relations With Their early Dixie Neighbors” at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Lecture in Honor of Juanita Brooks sponsored by Dixie State College & The Endowment Established by O.C. Tanner. The meeting will be held at the St. George Tabernacle on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 7:00 PM. The OSTA will also be holding their Field Trip on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The time and place will be announced at a later date.

Lyman would like all members of WCHS to keep track of the hours, mileage, or time spent on behalf of WCHS. He told those present that Volunteer hours equate “Matching Funds” when applying for Grants, etc. LoAnne Barnes has a form from the State of Utah which she will bring to the next meeting which we can use to keep track of our time.

Jeanine Vander Bruggen (DUP) stated that they are converting their computer “tif” files to “pdf” files. Their Website is [dupstgeorge.org](http://dupstgeorge.org)

### **Utah Heritage Foundation Request for Assistance – Susan Crook**

Susan Crook passed out a “Proposal” from the Utah Heritage Foundation for us to read. She is enlisting the help of WCHS to act as a “Holding Company” for funds which will be raised to facilitate the “Partners in the Field” program which is a division of the National Trust for Historic Preservation Program.

The Partners in the Field program will build historic preservation leadership, expand preservation services, provide a clearinghouse for information related to preservation and rehabilitation, and ultimately save more historic sites and buildings. The grant program is funded by a generous gift from Robert Wilson - \$5,000,000. It does require a financial match – a gift of \$10,000 or more, payable over a three-year period will qualify for the financial match.

The Utah Heritage Foundation will:

- Raise funds to facilitate the PIF program (minimum \$10,000 by May 2012)
- Discuss who the WCHS is with our potential funders and provide written information about the organization
- Provide draft letters to SCHS to utilize for donor recognition and receipt

- Provide the WCHS with a link on its website
- Provide the WCHS with recognition as a donor in its newsletter and on the PIF business card

The WCHS will:

- Establish a separate bank (checking) account to hold donated funds
- Accept donations and deposit them promptly (within a week is acceptable)
- Provide the original receipt from the deposit to UHF
- Notify UHF of the receipt of a donation, the amount, and the contact information for the donors by email within one week
- Provide a letter of receipt to each donor within two weeks
- Without unnecessary delay or due to unmitigating circumstances, release the funds to UHF in one lump sum upon request

Lyman wondered if anyone objected to the above program with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It was suggested that Lyman check with an Attorney in regard to the above program. In Salt Lake there is a non-profit association who offers help with Attorneys'. Someone else suggested Lyman check with an Accountant.

Susan told about the “Main Street” program. Here in St. George through economic development training programs and workshops, Brooks Pace and Bob Nicholson (CLG representative) formed a re-development district downtown. They took six (6) blocks and saved the taxes from that area. They promoted private development. That is how the downtown area was revitalized. She also stated that she will be in Washington DC on March 2, 2010, lobbying for Historic Preservation.

Susan also invited and reminded the WCHS members that she is presenting **Partners in Preservation Workshop** – Wednesday, February 17, 2010, from 8:30 – 11:00 AM at the Washington City Museum Meeting Hall on Telegraph Rd. in Washington City.

Elder and Sister Anderson talked about their Mission at the St. George Temple Visitors Center. They are a part of the Utah Provo Mission. There are thirteen Couples and twenty two Sisters serving there. They are in charge of arranging for the speakers at the St. George Tabernacle on Friday nights. The programs go from now until the end of May. They gave us a sampling of who they have lined up:

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| Blaine Yorganson  | Doug Alder         |
| Janice Kapp Perry | Susan Easton Black |
| Lyman Hafen       | Del Parson         |
| Julie Rogers      | Gracie Jones       |
| Doug Bentley      | Brent Heaton       |
| George Talbot     | Stan McConkie      |

Lyman asked everyone if they could have their “Town Report” and “Historical Report” emailed by the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) of each month to Lynne Johnston so she could include the reports in the minutes.

The next meeting will be on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 10:30 AM, at the DUP Museum meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Johnston

