

[The following minutes were taken by Richard Kohler at our March 31st meeting. They were revised by Lyman Platt and e-mailed to all the board members for review. Then they were reviewed, corrected, and approved at the April board meeting.]

Washington County Historical Society

Minutes, March 31, 2010

Present: Lyman Platt, Doug Alder, George Cannon, Richard Kohler, Martha Ham, Connie Childs, LoAnne Barnes, Jane Whalen, Jim Harland, Karen Platt, Carol Christensen, Elaine Tyler, Susan Crook, and later Linda Sappington

Treasurer's report handed out.

Washington County Historical Society yearly awards were reviewed. LoAnne Barnes and Martha Ham have a grant in place at Leeds but need matching funds grant. Martha described the project: three bids on restoring steps at the CCC: Walt Greg, master craftsman (who worked on Adam's house) at \$7,600; Lilywhite \$9,900; Marvin Rider \$11,000. Leeds City will award contract soon. Along with the step restoration; also restore handrail (old style pipe rail); \$5,000 grant from CLG (certified local government); still need more; also there will be follow-up grant requests to restore electricity and water. Leeds group was encouraged to use the building as a meeting hall, and possibly for other uses. Doug suggested renting the area, with Leeds as the overseers. The project needs to be completed by July 31st. Leeds is the responsible agency for the grant. Other aspects of the restoration were discussed by Martha and Karen: stone repair on the upper building, tradesmen time donations. A vote was taken (unanimous) to grant \$1,000 to the Leeds CCC project; also a check to be re-issued to Ft. Harmony for the San Daniel Camp project.

Carol Christensen asked for an application for a grant to continue turning the old town hall in Toquerville into a museum. They need start-up funds for glass display cases, labeling of artifacts and memorabilia; windows need ultra-violet light treatment. Elaine Tyler gave Carol a form, due today. Doug Alder moved, Dick seconded, and unanimous vote on Toquerville grant. Checks will be issued at the April meeting. This requires that there be a grant work extension of time.

The move of WCHS materials out of the basement of the old court house to the old Zions Bank Building was reported; 27½ hours were needed to finish the project. Lyman indicated that the 1906 map of Utah that was in the collection has been framed and paid for by him (\$150.00); it was decided to place it on loan at the St. George Public Library. Doug and Lyman took the map to the library after the meeting.

Election of Officers: Elaine nominated George Cannon as vice president; LoAnne seconded the motion; unanimous vote; Lyman nominated Dick Kohler as president elect; Elaine seconded; unanimous approval. Doug agreed to serve as temporary treasurer; this was approved by the board [this due to Connie's suggestion that the president and secretary/treasurer position not be handled by the same person, so that checks can have two signatures.

Website: Lyman congratulated George on the good job he is doing. It was

suggested that Wes Craig's cemetery books on Washington County be added to the site. Elaine referred to website www.namesinstone.com for maps of cemeteries.

Karen discussed the boy scout field trip clean-up of four Harmony Valley ditches from the 1850s that will take place on April 24th in the morning, as part of an eagle project; she also told the board about Steve Shaffer's radar penetrating machine that identified bones at Ft. Harmony. Lyman reminded the group of the field trip on April 24th to Enterprise; to begin at D.U.P. museum in Enterprise, at 10:00.

Memberships were discussed; Doug suggested sending out a bill like some organizations do; Lyman has the membership list that could be billed. Carol volunteered to work on membership and dues; this was approved by the board.

Taxes for 2009 have been filed; no accounting fees this year as last year. Lyman did the submission.

Cemeteries were discussed by several of the board; Jane Whalen updated the board on the Grafton Cemetery and the mapping of the headstones; many graves still unmarked; some Native American unidentified; Doug talked about the old St. George Cemetery headstones; LoAnne has a meeting today regarding the restoration of graves at Silver Reef: go to www.silverreef.org.

Linda Sappington, volcenter@fcaog.state.ut.us came to train the board regarding volunteer services in Washington County. She has been involved in the past with the WCHS; has done some writing including the Mark and Barbara Green History. See heads volunteers services for Washington County; recently they sent 1,600 residents to Disneyland for giving away 1,000,000 tickets; they do the donated quilts project; the ironman volunteers work through her organization; they have volunteers ages 11 to 111; recently 1,500 hours of volunteer veterinarian services were rendered; a youth court was directed by them with 100 hours of summer services assigned; they have grants of up to \$500.00 for college for 6th to 9th graders that want to do volunteer work. They have supported the Washington City Museum in the past, helping them print their flyers; they will take on new projects; Lyman will ask Linda for more specific information as to how they can help WCHS. See also www.volunteercenterwc.com. Americorps has programs for young people camps of up to six weeks of eight to ten hours per day that might be used in projects in Leeds and New Harmony, at least. See www.americorps.gov. They serve like a domestic peace corps.

Susan mentioned a preservation conference April 30 to May 1, with Barbara Murphy.

In May of 2011 the Mormon History Association will hold their annual meeting in St. George at the Dixie Center, according to Doug.