

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting
November 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Lyman Platt at 10 AM. Those in attendance were Richard Kohler, Jennifer Kohler, LoAnne Barnes, Carol Christensen, George Cannon, Elaine Tyler, Susan Crook, L. Karen Platt, Lyman Platt, Doug Alder, and Lynne Johnston. Jeanine VanderBruggen asked to be excused.

1. Lyman Platt, as acting Treasurer, made a motion that Carol Christensen be nominated for Treasurer of the WCHS. Doug Alder seconded the motion and all present said "aye".
2. Lyman Platt, George Cannon, Doug Alder, and Richard Kohler need to go to Sun First Bank and Village Bank to take off the old names and endorse new Signature Cards. They need to take a document with a current list of Board members.
3. The current P. O. Box needs to be reassigned to the proper Officers of WCHS. Lyman gave Richard the blank card to fill out and return to the Post Office.

Treasurer's Report

1. There was a discussion on the interest rates at both Village Bank and Sun First Bank.
2. It was decided that one of the WCHS CD's should be kept at Village Bank.
3. Sun First Bank gave money to the Pioneer Arts Center.
4. Town and Country Bank have helped in restoring old homes.
5. The President of State Bank of Southern Utah is a Stake President in Cedar City.
6. Elaine Tyler made a Motion to transfer \$7500.00 from our Checking Account at Sun First Bank to a Savings Account. Susan Crook seconded the Motion. All present said "Aye". (I do not think there was a discussion as to which Bank the \$7500 should be deposited.)

Lyman had been to Sun First Bank and requested printouts for the CD and the Checking Account – as to how much money is in each account. The CD Account as of November 17, 2010, had a balance of \$11,442.47. The Maturity Date for that CD is April 11, 2011. In the Checking Account at Sun First Bank as of November 17, 2010, there is a balance of 8,049.91. There was a Savings Account set up on April 26, 2010, by Lyman at Sun First Bank. The balance in that account as of November 17, 2010, was \$1002.16.

Approval of October 27, 2010 Minutes

The Minutes of October 27, 2010 meeting were discussed. Elaine Tyler made a Motion to approve the minutes with the corrections and Susan Crook seconded the Motion. All present said "Aye".

Beckham Ashe Foundation

Elaine Tyler made a donation of \$1,000 to WCHS from the Beckham Ashe Foundation. Thank you Elaine!!!

Susan Crook – Representing the Utah Heritage Foundation

The tour of six Historical Homes in St. George is planned for January 15, 2011, in commemoration of St. George's 150th Birthday. It will be from 1-5PM. Linda Brooks from the City of St. George has asked for help from members of WHCS. There will be a meeting on January 4th to discuss how the WCHS might be involved.

Susan Crook would call Linda Brooks with the volunteer names. They were also enlisting help from the "St. George Live" volunteers.

Brinkerhoff Collection

The Brinkerhoff Collection is an assortment of material regarding Native American Indians. The discussion was similar to the discussion at the October meeting.

1. Doug Alder is concerned about the security of the Collection.
2. A suggestion would be to store in the County Archives in Washington City.
3. Who can have access to the material?
4. George Cannon would like to scan the material first, to put on the WCHS Website.
5. If George needed help –
 - a. Barbara Howard with Easter Seals – possibly get a volunteer thru her program
 - b. Caleb Aames at Dixie College does scanning
 - c. Bonnie Percival, Archivist, does scanning
 - d. Richard said he could do the "leg work" on getting George some help. He said he would report at the January 5th meeting.
6. Another suggestion was to give all the material to Pipe Springs. They have two wonderful Archives there. Some of the WCHS Board members toured their facility. They have a Grant to support their Archives.
7. Elaine Tyler said that wherever the Collection ends up, it should only be on loan to them.

Security/Vandalism at Historic Sites

There is a security problem at Grafton. Karen Platt said it is hard to keep restored places safe. There needs to be good security.

Doug Alder mentioned that the only way they can keep the St. George Tabernacle in good order is because they have the "Name Locator" program in the basement. They use the Tabernacle for activities during the day and some evenings. They also have cleaning and security crews who come there all the time.

Grafton – Jane Whelan

Thanks and Kudu's to Jane Whelan for a wonderful field trip to Grafton.

There was a good attendance and everyone enjoyed the day. Jane really gave a great tour of the area – of the homes that were there and being restored. She asked for ideas on several different subjects i.e., should old tombstones be restored or left as is; questions about restoration of plaster – not the 1930's lath and plaster, adobe bricks, and how to restore ceilings to the late 1800's. She had a story for every piece of property there, even a story about a lady who was blind. The blind lady still could make it to her "outhouse" and back to her home by holding onto a set of ropes which her family had tied up for her. The outhouse was down the hill and the ropes did the trick!

Several of those in attendance walked down the "memory lane" from Butch Cassidy and "The Sundance Kid". The home they used in the movie was gone but the lane Butch Cassidy rode his bike down is still there.

Jane mentioned that they collect approximately \$3,000 per year in the Coin Box they have at the Grafton site.

Lyman Platt

Lyman stated that 3 trees had been donated – 8' tall – and planted by the Harmony Library, but on Fort Harmony property.

Lyman stated that a Jenny Lund from the Church Historians Office in charge of Historic Sites in the Church has invited the Platt's to submit a proposal for a Visitor Center/Museum and Out-Door Theatre at the John D. Lee Fort property.

The property for the Fort Harmony Visitor Center complex is east of the library and Fort, on the 20 acres next to the Fort acreage on the east side.

Youth Camp on Church Property

The Youth/Camp proposed property is 1 1/2 miles west of the I - 15 Exit #40 on the Church Property and north of the pioneer road which is the access road. It is along the Taylor Creek property about a mile due south of the Fort. It is approximately in the middle of Harmony Valley.

There was a bid on the property for \$80 million and or \$200 million for 48 acres. There is worry that the property could end up as a housing development. Doug Alder stated it would be a great place for a Church Youth Camp similar to those in Wyoming and Montana. Who in the Church might be involved that could match funds? Phillip Estes was mentioned.

San Daniel Camp – Karen Platt

Karen stated that the Signage for the Camp Site will cost \$826.59. The Sign will be put on a rock that is already there. The Site really does need a fence – a historic fence would be nice – in front. The Boy Scouts can donate their time, 1st load of cement, and cement blocks. The cement would cost \$117.29.

Would Washington County take ownership of San Daniel Camp? Platt's have done the research and they think Washington County already owns the property. They would need to speak to Dan Cox who is the Washington County Administrator of Saint George.

Grants –WCHS Brochure - Elaine Tyler

There are three Grants presently in progress. All the paper work has to be given back to Elaine by the Board meeting on May 25, 2011. If the money has not been spent and the paper work not returned, then the money will have to be returned to WCHS. Those three Cities are Leeds, Harmony, and Washington City.

Elaine had a tentative copy of the updated Brochure to show everyone at the meeting. Some of the suggestions were to advertise the WCHS Website, list the Grants from 2005-2009, and possibly a PayPal Account for online donations.

It was proposed that WCHS give Elaine enough money to have the Brochure printed. All present said "Aye".

Lynne Johnston volunteered to send the "reminder - WCHS Grant Expense Sheet" to George Staheli (Washington City Historical Society), along with a copy of the October WCHS Minutes.

Leeds – LoAnne Barnes

Leeds is in the process of updating the Town's Master Plan. "Form Tomorrow", a non-profit organization that helps small towns update their Master Plan and Ordinances (a process all small towns are required by law to do every ten years). Form Tomorrow (contact is Nicole McDermott (435) 635-1585) has surveyed the town and held public meetings to help the planning Commission with this process. Leeds Historical Preservation Committee was asked to help with the Historical Ordinance part of the update. A 2009 CLG Grant to the town of Leeds has enabled a Reconnaissance Level Survey to be done. This survey is an integral part of the recommendations that Leeds Historical Preservation Committee is making to the Planning Commission at their February 2011 meeting.

Lyman and Karen Platt donated (on loan) a Historical Loom to the Wells Fargo Silver Reef Museum.

Communities and Local Government

Susan Crook and Richard Kohler will talk to Dean Cox about Communities and Local Government.

Richard Kohler – Doc Utah (Southern Utah International Documentary Film Festival)

Richard is reminding the WCHS that this would be a great activity to be involved in. WCHS could make a video – be the Authors. He encouraged everyone to come up with an idea during the month of January. Different subjects were discussed. Someone suggested as a subject – to focus on “Pioneer Women”. Doug Alder said that was a “hobby”. Then it was suggested that a good topic would be to focus on one “Pioneer Woman”. Something to think about!

Toquerville – Carol Christensen

The Toquerville City Council voted to use the “Toquerville Museum” as their Town Hall. There were a few people who complained. The City reversed their original opinion. They also added a “Use/Fee Permit” in order to use the building for other functions, i.e. Weddings, Church activities, general activities, etc.

Shunesburg – Lyman Platt

Alma Millet built the DeMille house. Ron Bremer lives at Cane Beds, south of Colorado City. Lyman would like to trace down the Family Bible that lists Shonesburg.

Loren Webb – “Dairies of Washington County”

Doug Alder mentioned the new book written by Loren Webb, a native St. George resident. The Title “Dairies of Washington County” – has information about all the early Dairies in Washington County. He interviewed many “old timers” and their families. The cost of the book is \$20.00. It is for sale at the Dixie College Book Store and several Book stores in town.

Trails around Washington County

For a list of Trails around Washington County, UT you can click on the Web Site Trails.Com the internet.

Richard Kohler

Richard Kohler will be the new President of WCHS in January. He stated he would publish a list of the Field Trips in 2011. He will e-mail that list to all the members who are on the e-mail list.

January 17, 2011

January 17, 2011, is the official 150 years Birthday for the City of St. George.

Respectfully Submitted
C. Lynne Johnston

