

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting
February 23, 2011

Richard Kohler opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. Those present were George Cannon, Richard Kohler, Jennifer Kohler, Jeanine VanderBruggen, L. Karen Platt, Lyman D. Platt, LoAnne Barnes, Sharon Welch, Carol Christensen, Elaine Tyler, Doug Alder, Ian Crowe, Susan Crook, and Lynne Johnston.

Minutes of January 26, 2011 – Lynne Johnston

Lynne handed out copies of the Minutes. Doug Alder made a Motion to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2011 as corrected. The Motion was seconded by Elaine Tyler. All present said “Aye”.

Treasurer’s Report – Carol Christensen

Carol will be leaving at the end of March and return the end of October, 2011. She made the suggestion that the Checking, Savings, and CD Accounts all be moved to one Bank. She asked for approval to make the change to the Bank which pays the most interest. One choice would be State Bank. The Board members talked about and made the decision to let Carol make the change. Lynne made a Motion to have Carol move all the accounts to the Bank which pays the most interest. Jeanine VanderBruggen seconded the Motion. All present said “Aye”.

The Brinkerhoff Collection – Lyman Platt

Lyman mentioned that he has been trying to decide where to store the Brinkerhoff Collection – it should be somewhere that it can be accessed by those who are interested in the early Indian History.

One of the suggestions was the Archive at Pipe Springs – The WCHS Board has been on a tour of their facility and was impressed with the handling of the Documents there.

During the meeting, Doug Alder called several places to see who could take the Collection. He talked to Barbara Brown at the Special Collections Department at the Washington County Library. He also talked to Sharon Welch, the Washington County Archivist. She said she would have to get approval from the County Commissioner. She is not sure if there is any extra room for the file cabinets. Sharon also mentioned that they have scanners to scan small items at the County office – scanning big maps or larger items would be an issue at the County.

Elaine Tyler reminded everyone that the \$1500 Donation from her Foundation could be used to pay students at Dixie College to go thru the files and organize the material.

Doug mentioned that Dixie College does have a professional archive with a staff. They do have a woman now who has done an excellent job of organizing material and storing it.

Lyman made the decision to give the Brinkerhoff Collection to Dixie College. He made a Motion that the Brinkerhoff Collection would go to Dixie College. LoAnne Barnes seconded Lyman's Motion. All present said "Aye" and it is "Moved".

Leeds & Silver Reef – LoAnne Barnes

Please see the attached Final Report and Appendices from LoAnne in regard to the "Standard & Selective Reconnaissance Level Survey 2009" which was prepared for the Town of Leeds Historical Preservation Commission. It was prepared by Korral Broschinsky – Preservation Documentation Resource.

She has spoken to Denny Drake who is open to pursuing CLG Grants in Incorporated areas.

LoAnne also spoke about a "Rat Tax" combined with recreation, arts, history taxation. (I am not sure what she was talking about here – I will ask her to explain it to me and I will make the necessary corrections.) Tax credits can be used.

Richard has been looking at a house in Leeds – restoring a wall around the house, but needs a Matching Grant –

LoAnne and Richard are going to see Dean Cox. It was suggested that they lobby before the meeting. They need to know what is available first – have a plan.

There is a Historic Asset list which can go back to the town. Susan will get the information to Denny Drake.

Santa Clara – Sherri Anderson

Sherri asked Lynne Johnston to be the Santa Clara Representative on the WCHS Committee. Lynne has Gubler, Wittwer and Tobler ancestors (all Swiss Immigrants). Santa Clara is getting ready for "Swiss Days". Their first meeting was on February 17th. The Swiss Committee is doing two different books – one about the settlers and the other about a Commemorative Quilt which they have made. They are going to partner with St. George on the Reenactment Wagon Train in October. They are thinking of having a "Swiss Company" in the Wagon Train. They are trying to identify ownership of every property in the Historical District from the early beginnings of Santa Clara to the present.

Santa Clara continued

They have DUP holding their meetings in the Historic Relief Society Building each month. They hope there will be a possibility that the DUP will have a desire to open the buildings.

Richard talked to Herb Bassl, a member of the Santa Clara City Council, and he said he would like to join our Committee.

I left the meeting at 11:00 AM and did not finish taking the Minutes. This set of Minutes is not complete. I will see if I can find out about the rest of the meeting and include the information with the above information.

Respectfully submitted
Lynne Johnston