

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting
May 25, 2011
“Final”

Richard Kohler started the meeting at 10:00 AM. Those present were:

George Cannon	Elaine Tyler
LoAnne Barnes	Beth Bentley
Lyman Platt	L. Karen Platt
R. Clayton Huckaby (NHHS)	Cathye Huckaby (NHHS)
Jeanine VanderBruggen	Jim Harlan
Herb Basso	Bill Ehrheart
Connie Childs	Eric Fleming
Jane Whalen	Jennifer Kohler
Susan Crook	Lynne Johnston
Doug Alder	Ian Crowe
Richard Kohler	

Richard Kohler – UHF Award for George Cannon

Richard told about accepting the UHF Award for George Cannon. The Award Ceremony was held in Salt Lake. Richard said it was a wonderful event. The following article was taken from Utah Heritage Foundation’s Website:

“George Cannon already had a history in Washington County as his family settled the area. But it was in January of 2007, when the recently retired engineer became familiar to and with the Washington County Historical Society. It all started when he innocently attended a lecture hosted at the historic county courthouse. There, he was approached about becoming an active member with any projects that they had scheduled for the year. With a keen interest in providing information for the public, the next few years became all-consuming.

With little-to-no web design experience, Cannon bravely volunteered to spearhead the effort to make the history and architecture of Washington County come alive online. The learning curve was steep so the beginning was slow. While a lot of interesting and worthwhile information was collected, access to it was clumsy and not "user friendly". Cannon was not only collecting information, but was the major player in presenting ideas to the board and rallying excitement about the end result.”

With everyone on the same page and a little technical assistance, it wasn't long before George Cannon was producing web pages and creating wchsutah.org from the ground up. The website is organized into clearly defined sections with information continually being added to evolve and become more comprehensive.

Mr. Cannon clearly represents a preservation volunteer with a "can do" attitude. We need more George Cannon’s; he is a model of how to be involved locally and providing unique and desired resources to provide key information to preserving the heritage and architecture for our state.

Utah Heritage Foundation presented George R. Cannon with a Heritage Award for his contributions to Washington County and Utah's historic preservation movement.”

Minutes of April 27, 2011 – Lynne Johnston

Were the April 27, 2011 Minutes approved? They have been sent out to the Board members who are on the e-mail list on WCHS's Website.

Treasurer's Report – Lynne Johnston for Carol Christensen

Lynne met with both Richard Kohler and George Cannon and went over the deposits and expenditures for June, July and August. Lynne wanted to do some kind of a Treasurer's Report, but it was decided that it would be better to wait until Carol Christensen, the Treasurer, returned and have her furnish the committee with that report.

Field Trips

Lyman Platt – Kanab

The April 30, 2011, field trip to Kanab was a great success. There were approximately 25 people who went. The group showed up at Mosdell's Mortuary in Kanab. In Johnson's Canyon, on private property, they saw a huge panel of Petroglyphs. Steve Gibby, an Egyptologist, told about the seven different cultures on the panel which is typical Egyptian writings. They also visited the Best Friends of Animals Preserve, the Gunsmoke movie site, and the Weeping Rock/Hidden Lake site.

Richard Kohler – Heberville/Price (Bloomington) – May 21, 2011

Richard had made arrangements with Jeff Morby (an early Bloomington resident) for the Committee to see the Wallace & Isadore Blake Home, built in 1908. The history and tour of the home by Jeff Morby was enjoyed by all. Jeff also took the group to see the old Price school property and foundation. He bought the property to preserve what is remaining of the structure. Then Richard showed those attending, the "Petroglyph Park" in Bloomington. Glenn Rogers, a Paiute Cultural Specialist, explained the Native American symbols on the big rock. Richard also told about the Jacob Peart inscription on the west side of the hill by the I-15 Fwy. at the confluence of the Virgin & Santa Clara rivers.

Richard Kohler – Pine Valley – June 4, 2011 – 10 AM

At Pine Valley, Richard has arranged for the tour group to hear about the Virgin River Land Trust Preservation Easement. Learn how to raise money. Commissioner Gardner's family and the LDS Church contributed. Richard will hand out a flyer.

Richard will post his summary on WCHS Website. Another field trip could be to see the old "Brigham City" by Washington Fields Dam.

Connie Childs – Wells Fargo Silver Reef Museum

Frank _____ resigned as President of the Wells Fargo Silver Reef Museum Committee. An inventory of the Museum is taking place right now. Connie Childs is the new President of the Museum Committee. Eric and Michelle Fleming are the new managers of the Museum and Gift Shop. The book “Silver, Sinners and Saints” is being re-printed.

Doug Alder – Mormon History Convention – May 26-29, 2011

Doug wanted to remind everyone about the Mormon History Association and thank those from WCHS that had volunteered to help out at the Registration Desk and other places during the Convention. There would be a special showing of the movie on Juanita Brooks, at 5:15PM on Friday, June 27, 2011, at Dixie College.

Research Fair

This activity will be held in the Basement of the Library. Different Libraries have been asked to bring/show their digitized collections. Elaine Tyler gave some of the WCHS Brochures to display at the Daughters of Utah Pioneers exhibit.

Herb Basso – Santa Clara Home Tour

Richard and Herb discussed the possibility of having a “Home Tour” in Santa Clara. The Santa Clara City Council is trying to think of ways to build an economic base in the Santa Clara Historic District. They are thinking of using the Graf house as an Art Museum. They need to come up with ideas for promotional activities. A committee was formed with the following volunteers:

Herb Basso
Susan Crook
Richard Kohler
George Cannon
Ian Crowe
Lynne Johnston

Ian Crowe – Bart Anderson’s Story/Slide Collection

Ian talked to Dolores Anderson to see if she would be willing to sign a paper designating the rights of the collection to Dixie College. Dolores did just that! At the present, the Film Department staff are scanning the slides and information about the local medicine and doctors here in St. George/Washington County.

Ian also announced some tentative plans for the “Liquid Desert” documentary. He is working with Water District in filming a documentary on the history of the water in St. George City.

They are still working on the “Doug Alder Show” – like a quiz show on the early history of St. George.

Ian (Flying Rebel Media) has asked WCHS for a Grant. Flying Rebel Media is setting up 501C. It is taking longer than they originally thought. Utah Heritage Foundation may be able help them out until they have their paper work to ready.

Marc Mortenson asked Ian if his group could make a documentary for the City when the Pioneer Trek is over in October. He would like documentation of the 40 to 50 wagons coming into town.

Karen Platt – Fort Harmony – Uncover the Past

Karen introduced Clayton and Cathye Huckaby, both new to the Fort Harmony Historical Society. Cathye explained about the upcoming “archaeological dig” at Fort Harmony. It would be held the week of June 13-17, in conjunction with Fort Harmony Days. Guest speaker for the event is Dr. Leo Lyman on June 16 at the Fort Harmony Branch Library – 7 PM. You can volunteer to help with the “dig” conducted by the BYU Office of Public Archaeology and sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Lyman Platt – San Daniel Camp Monument

Lyman invited everyone present to attend the celebration at Dominguez-Escalante San Daniel Campsite. The monument is located right off of Exit 33 of the I-15 Fwy. going North. The new commemorative plaque will be mounted on the San Daniel Monument. The occasion will be at 10 AM on June 23, 2011.

Richard Kohler – Cosmopolitan Building in Silver Reef

There were so many ideas and suggestions talked about, I am going to use bullets and list them. No decisions were made at this time, from all the suggestions.

- Use for dinner parties, charge a fee, have the invited guests RSVP
- If the right selection of people were invited they would come to the dinner party
- What would the cost (\$) be and purpose of re-opening the restaurant?
- Would need a committee
- Have 6 parties a year
- Always have a “Historic Theme”
- Have entertainment donated
- Any extra money could be used for re-habilitating the building
- Consider letting other societies/organizations rent the building for different occasions
- Residents of Silver Reef and Leeds would have the most invested interest
- Target
- he first 24 out of 100 people – those who could afford to eat there
- May receive different amounts (\$) from different sources
- Would not get any funds from the Museum funds

Susan Crook had some ideas also:

- The big picture –
- Have/or one is coming - an archaeologist come in 2012
- Work with the committee
- Might do a “Heritage Tour”
- Nothing substantial from past research
- Focus on The Preservation Management Plan
- Have a goal to see how much \$ is needed
- Would not be getting any funds from the Museum

George Cannon – Website

George would like to take two Website Development Courses that are offered at Dixie College to further his knowledge in regard to WCHS’s Website. He wondered if WCHS could pay for the two classes (HTML and the other PHP) for him. Susan Crook made a motion and Elaine Tyler seconded the motion to have WCHS pay for George’s classes. All present said “Aye”. George said he would buy a Lifetime membership in WCHS in return.

Susan Crook – Utah Heritage Foundation – Doors Open Dixie Proposal

Susan made a presentation/proposal to Greg McArthur, Director of the Chamber of Commerce in regard to “Doors Open Dixie” –

Purpose -To promote businesses located in historic and architecturally significant buildings and raise awareness of the economic and aesthetic value of the community’s architectural and built heritage.

Vision for Doors Open Dixie Promotion – Businesses and other entities located in historic and architecturally significant buildings within a walkable area will benefit from telling the story of the buildings they occupy.

Please see the attached Proposal that Susan presented to Greg McArthur.

Susan also talked about the City of St, George. There is an “Overlay Zone” for the Downtown Historic District. A person could apply to use a historic home for a business – there are Historic District Design guidelines. St. George does have a Historic Preservation Commission.

Change in Annual Membership Fees Per Year

Individual	\$15.
Non Profit Organization	\$30.
Lifetime Membership	\$150.
Corporate Annual Membership	\$100.

LoAnne Barnes – CCC National Convention

LoAnne wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming CCC Camp National Convention – September 22-24, 2011. Meetings and other events will be held at the Lexington Hotel (used to be the old Holiday Inn) in St. George.

An Eagle Scout project was used to help clean up the CCC Camp in Leeds. Phil Tuckett will be showing his film, Washington County CCC Camps.

LoAnne Barnes – CCC Convention in St. George - continued

LoAnne would like to put the WCHS website on a Banner. Richard belongs to the Sunstone Homeowners Association Board. He would like to make a banner/sign with the CCC Camp information and add the WCHS website.

Martha Ham has requested a CLG Grant. The paper work needs to be done by August. They are requesting \$1,000 from the WCHS Board.

Elaine Tyler - Grants and Brochures

Elaine is trying to figure out how to handle Ian's request for a Grant.

A Motion was made by Susan Crook and seconded by Doug Alder, to give Elaine permission to order 500 WCHS Brochures. A suggestion was made to print the Brochure in Sepia tones this time – vs. the black ink from previous Brochures.

Another idea was to make a Post Card with WCHS information on it to hand out.

Doug Alder – Book Festival

The annual Book Festival will be held from October 26-29. Gerald Lund will be the guest speaker.

Scott Sato – Website Saleable Inventory

Scott will be able to help with the saleable items that WCHS has – on the Internet. He is ready and willing!

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 Noon. All present said “Aye”.

Respectfully Submitted
Lynne Johnston