

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Director's Meeting
June 29, 2011
"Final"

The meeting started at 10:00AM, Richard Kohler conducting. Those in attendance were:

Eric Fleming, LoAnne Barnes, Bill Ehrheart, Elaine Tyler, Ian Crowe, Jennifer Kohler, George Cannon, Vicky Olson, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Susan Crook, Doug Alder, Richard Kohler, and Lynne Johnston.

APPROVAL OF APRIL/MAY MINUTES – Lynne Johnston

Were the April and May Minutes approved? If not, let's approve them. I do not have record of any approvals.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report for the month of June, however there were some deposits and a few checks written.

MORMON HISTORY CONVENTION – Doug Alder

Doug thanked all those who helped with this convention – it was a great success. It was the second largest in 35 years. There were 730 people in attendance. Doug stated it was a "stunning event".

PINE VALLEY FIELD TRIP – Richard Kohler

Bill McMurrin was the guest speaker. Bill talked about raising \$1,000,000; protecting the view of the meadow behind the LDS Church; acquiring easements; 404 Wetlands; owns Babylon – 7 or 8 acres; Confluence park – LaVerkin, Toquerville, and Hurricane; having access money.

FORT HARMONY – BYU EXCAVATING -The Platt's

The excavation took place from June 13-17, 2011 at the actual Fort site. Leo Lyman gave a very informative lecture before the actual BYU Archaeologists began. Southern Utah University (Cedar City) sent their field representatives to participate in the excavation. BYU and its team of excavators dug no deeper than 3'-4' per grade in the Northwest corner of the Fort. There were 120 people who came for tours of the excavation.

Fort Harmony Excavation continued



Pam Gibbs Michael Searcy of BYU teaches young volunteer Alexa Colvin of Harmony Valley how to spray some moisture onto the northwest area excavations, while the field team from SUU observes.

In actuality, this current excavation of the fort is not the first for Talbot and his crew. Four years ago they excavated small portions of the site, finding many artifacts of glass, ceramics, a woman's monacle and a thimble.

The latest BYU team of archaeologists uncovering the fort consists of Richard Talbot, Christine Edmunds, Michael Searcy, Rachel Harris, Lane Richens and Sara Stauffer. Working alongside them is a team from Southern Utah University — Barb Frank, Emily Dean, Sarah Horowitz, Donna Clark and Aubrey Patterson.

So just what has been uncovered?\\

In a northwest room — 15 feet by 15 feet — the team found a possible dwelling buried under a collapsed wall section, a circular oven on a lower floor, possibly a kitchen, a fireplace with hearth, a ladies hair pin, bits of porcelain dishes, clay pots, nails and leather.

There also may have been a chapel or schoolhouse above.

In a southeast room they uncovered the possible two sides of a room, a porcelain dish, glass and clay pot pieces.

In an area west of the south gate they found bones, glass and nails. The old well contained bits of charcoal, glass and mortar. More than 40 porcelain dish patterns have been discovered in the 2007 and current digs. Importantly, the archaeological findings are matching the historical records.

"This is a rare opportunity to look back at the original settlement, find the details of the lives of the same pioneers who traveled across oceans and plains to reach Utah, then southward to this area," observed Talbot, "Remarkably, in some cases the history of this area is being rewritten" Platt said. (Quoted from the Deseret News)

SAN DANIEL CAMP MONUMENT – The Platt’s

Lyman also mentioned that the San Daniel Camp Monument Site has been cleaned up. A Marker has been placed there to commemorate the San Daniel Monument. Leo Lyman dedicated the Monument and the site. There was an article placed in the Spectrum.

GRANTS – Elaine Tyler

“Flying Rebel Media” – Ian Crowe

Elaine pointed out that a “501C3” from the IRS will cost \$300 for a Filing Fee. Ian has looked into other ways to acquire funding. He is the representative for “Flying Rebel Media”. He did find out that he could use IDA’s (International Documentary Association) 501C. He has applied to them. Until Flying Rebel Media has a 501C3 or can use someone else’s until his has been completed, WCHS cannot give him the \$1000 Grant he has requested. Ian would also have to appoint a Board of Directors, such as Richard Kohler and Doug Alder.

Doug Alder suggested doing a Documentary on the history of local medicine. He suggested Ian contact Terry Draper – International Health Care

Richard said he is alright with the above information. Once it is set up George Cannon and Richard Kohler will write a check to IDA. They in turn will issue a check to Ian Crowe.

Doug Alder made the Motion to authorize Ian Crowe to use IDA as an intermediary for a 501C3 for WCHS’s \$1000 Grant. The purpose of the \$1000 Grant money would be for Ian Crowe/Flying Rebel Media to digitize Bart Anderson’s lecture/slide collection and produce two 22 minute films using two of Bart’s segments. Ian would have to turn in a “Mid-year Report” (January 2012) to WCHS as to how the money has been used or is being used. Susan Crook seconded the Motion. All present said “Aye”.

Washington City Historical Society - \$1000 Grant Money – George Staheli

A Grant for \$1000 was given to Washington City Historical Society in 2009. The necessary paperwork has not been returned to Elaine. Repeated efforts have been made to contact George Staheli, the President of their Society, to no avail. The Grant money was to be used for the commemoration of the 100 year old School Building, pictures/hangars, display cases, and room dividers; to honor the early educators of Washington City.

Grants - continued

Elaine made a Motion and LoAnne Barnes seconded the Motion to:

1. Richard Kohler will attend the September 15, ²⁰¹¹ Washington City Historical Society's meeting. Richard will ask about the paper work, to see if it can/when it will be returned.
2. Richard will ask George Staheli's wife - what is the best way to reach George?
3. Send a letter to George asking him for the paperwork.

All those present at the meeting said "Aye".

New Brochures for WCHS

Elaine had 500 Brochures printed for WCHS. She updated the Membership Fees. Doug Alder said he would take some Brochures to the Chamber of Commerce and Eric Fleming volunteered to take some of the Brochures to the Silver Reef Museum. She also had 150 Membership forms printed for the 2011 Newsletter.

IS WCHS – SALES TAX EXEMPT?

Richard said he would ask Lyman Platt.

ENTERPRISE – Vicky Olson

Vicki is Captain of her DUP Camp in Enterprise. The DUP Museum in Enterprise is in need of a new roof. They would like to replace the old roof with a Metal Roof, so that it would not leak. It was also suggested that a roof made with Cedar Shingles would not leak.

Susan Crook wondered if the Enterprise DUP Museum is on the National Register of Historical Places. Susan is concerned about the "Historical" aspect of the Museum.

DOCUTAH FILM FEST – Jennifer Kohler

The opening night of DocUtah will be held at Tuachan Theatre on September 8. Wayne Newton will be the guest performer. The event will be held from Sept. 8 – 17, 2011. Some of the films will be shown at Electric Theatre, Eccles – on the Temple, Red Cliffs – Washington (around back of the Mall).

There will be three screenings at Springdale.

SANTA CLARA HOME AND GARDEN TOUR – Herb Basso

Tour of four homes and their gardens. Will have a meeting. Herb will notify those who signed up to be Docents. It will be held at 10AM on September 10, 2011. Richard will confirm.

**ST. GEORGE WAGON COMPANY – DIXIE COTTON MISSION
DIXIE LEGACY**

The wagon train will be from October 7-October 15, 2011. It will be starting at Parowan and go the approx. 100 miles to Vernon Worthen Park – activities all along the way. The City of St. George is sponsoring the whole week long event. There will be covered wagons, wagons, handcarts, and those who are walking. Marc Mortenson and several others are in charge of the events.

Dixie Legacy is being sponsored by Aros McKay and many others. It will be a “Festival in the Park”. There will be activities for all ages – Saturday, Oct. 15th at Vernon Worthen Park.

ST. GEORGE MARATHON – Saturday, October 1st, 2011

SILVER REEF/LEEDS – LoAnne Barnes

The WCHS Board gave Leeds Historic Preservation a \$1000 Grant to be used for signage around Leeds/Silver Reef. Money had to be used by August 31st.

LoAnne handed out Applications for the CCC Camp Convention to be held here in St. George on September 21-25, 2011. There were CCC Camps all over Utah. Washington County Archivist will be coming to the Convention – the Bernstein Collection – Librarian from Dixie College, Daphne Selberg, would be a good resource to tell you how to go about making postcards and getting permission to do so.

ST. GEORGE CHILDREN’S MUSEUM – Jennifer Kohler

Right now they have no money, but are looking for funding. Jennifer states that they want to have a “Historical garden” with real dirt for the children. The building was built in 1970’s. They are looking at the floor plan.

Richard will follow through with Susan Crook on details of the building. They could talk to Marc Mortenson. The Title to the building has not been turned over from the State of Utah to the City of St. George yet.

THE COSMOPOLITAN BUILDING – SILVER REEF

Richard will call Paul Sullivan to set up a meeting with Eric Fleming (Silver Reef Museum).

UTAH HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Susan Crook

Susan wanted everyone to know her hours have been cut from full time (40%) to half time (20%). She will be looking for fund raising opportunities.

FUNDRAISER? - SEMINAR ON TAX CREDITS

It was pointed out that Tax Credits reduce the money you might have to pay. It could be a half day to a full day Seminar and charge for it \$25-50. The following topics could be discussed: Solar panels; water conservation (City of St. George Water and Power Company); retrofit for Historic homes; no lawn/vs. gravel; etc. A Seminar like this would be good for the Community, and those involved with Real Estate.

Could something like this be done at the upcoming “Dixie Legacy” – a booth to talk about Tax Credits?

Respectfully submitted
Lynne Johnston