

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors' Meeting
November 30, 2011
"Final"

Dick Kohler opened the meeting at 10:10 AM. Those present were Carol Christensen, Eric Fleming, Susan Crook, George Cannon, Ian Crowe, L. Karen Platt, Lyman Platt, Jennifer Kohler, LoAnne Barnes, Elaine Tyler, Dick Kohler, Doug Alder, Jim Harlan, and Lynne Johnston.

MINUTES – Lynne Johnston

Lynne asked for an approval of the September and October 2011 Minutes. Doug Alder made a Motion that the September and October 2011 Minutes be approved with corrections. Elaine Tyler seconded the Motion. All present said "Aye".

TREASURER'S REPORT – Carol Christensen

Carol said that the Sun First Bank had closed. She opened up a Checking account and a Savings account at State Bank of Southern Utah. There is \$3430.35 in the Checking account and \$21,486.98 in the Savings account.

FLYING REBEL MEDIA – Ian Crowe

Susan Crook made an amended Motion to allow the WCHS \$1000 Grant money which was given to Flying Rebel Media (Ian Crowe), to be given to CMI. Doug Alder seconded the Motion. All present said "Aye". The work has to be finished by the end of January 2012. They have two carousels of digitized photos from Bart Anderson – History of Medicine and the History of Hurricane Canal. It was suggested that they also get "Oral Histories" from Terry Cain and Steve Wilson both from Intermountain Health Care.

OLD MAPS OF ST. GEORGE – Dick Kohler

Dick has done some research about the early maps of St. George. He would like to find copies of all the old original maps and put the earliest first and all the other maps by date on top of each other – to see how the boundaries of St. George have expanded.

1862 – Albert Miller was the Mayor of St. George. He had a map designed – in one of the corners Israel Ivins, father of Antone Ivins, had documented the map. There were full and part blocks – 36 blocks.

1863 – Charter was drawn up for the City of St. George

1864 – County Seat – Kane County – with Grafton, Ft, Harmony, Washington,
St. George

Maps continued

1867 – Rockville
1867 – Toquerville
1880 - Charter from State Government
1880 – Model of St. George
1882 – Kanab
1982 - Churches and Temple

There is an old map in the basement of City Hall by Marc Mortensen's office. Dick thinks the map should be digitized before it falls apart. It is approximately 5'x 6' and 6'x 8'. It could be from 1877.

FIELD TRIPS THROUGH MAY 2012

January – Historic Building Tour downtown St. George – Saturday, January 14th
12 Noon to 4:00 PM

St. George Opera House
St. George Art Museum (in converted sugar beet warehouse)
Pioneer Courthouse
Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum
Dixie Academy (85 S. Main Street)
Woodward School
Green Gate Village
LDS Tabernacle
Brigham Young Winter Home
Samuel Miles Jr. Home (173 N. Main)

February – Hurricane Water Canal – James Jeppson

March – Peter's Leap – Pioneers' got Saltpeter to make gun powder

April – Arizona Strip

May – Anderson Junction, Dance Pavilion in Toquerville,
LaVerkin – Water Trail to Confluence Park

WCHS HELP WITH HISTORIC BUILDING TOUR – JANUARY 14, 2012

The City of St. George is having a "Pre-Tour" on Friday, January 13th. Please meet at the parking lot for the Washington County School District at 2PM.

WOODWARD SCHOOL (1901) – Susan Crook

Woodward School was named after George Woodward, a childless resident. He donated \$3000 for the hardware and glass in the building. He bought and donated the heating plant and the school's first piano. Hugh Woodward was the Principal for 29 years. The Woodward School was placed on the National Register of Historic Places (#1980003989) on November 23, 1980.

Dick found a "Teachers State Test" from the early days. Teachers had to pass the test in order to teach. The WCHS Committee had fun answering some of the questions.

REVIEW OF SILVER REEF MUSEUM FIELD TRIP – LoAnne Barnes & Eric Fleming

The Committee thanked LoAnne and Eric for the wonderful Field Trip to see the Adams House and the Museum. The attendance was good. They invited Jim Kemple, a direct descendant of John Kemple (his grandfather), to give an Oral History about the Adams House. They talked about the "Site Tubes" that had been installed at the Museum.

ORAL HISTORIES – DOUG ALDER

Doug talked about the importance of the Oral Histories. There are approximately 800 interviews in the files at Dixie College. Out of 421 interviews, 325 have been transcribed. Doug reminded everyone that you must have releases from the person or family in order to use their information.

WCHS WEBSITE – George Cannon

George added a History of John Kemple, his wife and another son on the Website. He updated information about Jacob Hamblin and Landmarks of St. George. He also spent time on formatting the Website. He talked about a new Pictorial Book - about the 100 Years at Dixie College. The Author of the book is Wally Barrus.

CARE TAX MEETING (Cultural Arts and Recreational Tax) – Susan Crook

This tax is 1/10th of 1% Sales Tax – it would be a County Tax. The Washington County Arts Council can apply for funding. Denny Drake is in charge of the Task Force. Two County Commissioners are supporting the Tax. How do you get a 51% vote?

Susan also talked about the National Trust for Historic Preservation. They will have their Convention on March 7th and 8th in Washington DC. Susan will be going and wondered if anyone on the Committee would be interested. She will be lobbying Congress (Utah's Mike Lee) for funding for the preservation of historic places in Utah.

CAMP HARMONY (Youth and Family Camp) - Lyman and Karen Platt

Lyman and Karen talked about their progress with “Camp Harmony”. It is located at Exit 40 off of the I-15 Fwy, across from the Kolob Station. You would go towards Pine Mountain approximately 1 mile to a gorge. Funding for the Camp could come from the LDS Stakes. There are 18 Stakes from Cedar City to St. George. If each Stake could contribute \$1000 per year, that would be enough money to run the Camp. Platt’s said they are waiting for a “yeah” (final word) from Elder Steven Snow. They would need to set up a non-profit “Harmony Foundation” that could do studies. The LDS Church would also contribute money. Mike Empey said they would need federal funding to get money for the roads. The Schmutz family was asked to give land in exchange for water rights.

The next WCHS meeting will be on January 25, 2012 – 10AM to 12 Noon.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynne Johnston