

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
April 25, 2012  
"Draft"

Dick Kohler started the April meeting at 10:20 AM. Those in attendance were – Carol Christensen, Elaine Tyler, Edward Hafen, Susan Crook, George Cannon, L. Karen Platt, Lyman D. Platt, Dick Kohler, Jeanine VanderBruggen, Jennifer Kohler, and Lynne Johnston.

**MINUTES – Lynne Johnston**

Lynne asked that the February 2012 Minutes be approved. The March 29, 2012 Minutes were passed around for everyone to look at. Karen Platt and Elaine Tyler had some corrections to be made. Both the February and March Minutes need to be approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Carol Christensen**

Carol said there was \$3388.13 in the WCHS checking account. She will move some of the funds to the savings account. In the savings account there is \$21,516.18. Both accounts are at The State Bank of Southern Utah.

A question was raised as to how much interest is being paid on the accounts.

**UTAH HERITAGE FOUNDATION – SNOW COLLEGE – Susan Crook**

Susan has accepted a position with Snow College and will be moving to Ephraim shortly. She presented a lot of ideas, information, and activities that will be available to those interested in the historical preservation.

Susan handed out to everyone present at the meeting, a copy of The Utah Heritage Foundation's Spring 2012 Newsletter. The UHF Preservation Conference will be held May 3-5, 2012, in Salt Lake.

- The guest speaker will be Dr. Estevan Rael-Galvez. He is the Vice-President of Historic Sites for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. You can find the fees for the different activities at the Conference at UHF's website. [www.utahheritagefoundation.org](http://www.utahheritagefoundation.org) Bob Nicholson, Community Development Director for St. George, UT will receive an award at the Conference.
- Laurie Bryant has written an interesting article about "Adobe: Hidden in Plain Sight" – telling about some of the remaining Adobe homes in Salt Lake
- Salt Lake South Temple Homes Tour – May 5 – the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Homes Tour on Salt Lake's Millionaires Row

## Susan Crook continued

Utah Heritage Pioneer Arts is sponsoring a Bicycle Tour of Historic Barns from June 10-13, 2012, along US Highway 89 – starting at Richfield and going thru Manti, Ephraim, Monroe, Chester, Spring City and Fairveiw (may not be in the right order). They will enjoy dutch oven dinners, barn dancing and other activities. The fee for the three days and four nights is \$600.00.

Susan will be starting at Snow College on June 1, 2012.

- She has been asked to set up an Advisory Committee –
- Snow College is preparing for their 20 year anniversary of ????
- National Trust Sites for Interns (Historic Sites)
- Snow College is a two year College
- Earn a Preservation Certificate by doing scholarly research with hands on training at historic buildings and learning about historic landscaping
- Heritage Works – Kim Campbell, Gary Zabriskie, Brian Cottam
- Susan hopes in the future that SUU and Dixie State College could identify the historic history here (not to compete with Snow College, but to follow their pattern)
- Susan would like to see WCHS cooperate with Iron County and Kane County (Kanab) Center for Education, Business, and the Arts (CEBA)
- Ed Meyer – Economic Development – oversaw the Utah Governor’s rural economic development programs for 25 years. He contracts with SUU to provide entrepreneur support in Kane County. He serves on the board of a local non-profit that promotes events that incorporate education, business and the arts.
- Alliance with Doc Utah films
- SUU – Brian Cottam works with Association of Governments – Government Mining money – they do historic preservation projects
- WCHS could work with the Snow College Extension at Richfield, UT
- Another goal of Susan’s is to work with the DUP Museum – she would like to see that their references are updated in a scholarly, searchable format
- Sharon Miller Heritage Garden which is across the street from the Manti Temple needs a place to store their maintenance material. Who owns and maintains the garden? They are trying to get the City to take charge of the garden.
- Susan has been trying to think of a program for a workshop – A one year certificate could be earned towards an Associate of Science Degree – paid internships learning to build something
- Traditional Building Institute – (TBI) - It takes 30 to 40 years to get a facility into place – leave all options open: term limits on boards, rotate the personnel, succession management, get new people who will take responsibility, new technology, do it aggressively, start a little at a time to see what they can manage
- Wasatch Academy in Mt. Pleasant
- WCHS partnerships – UTHF; Snow College; Iron County; Kanab; Panguitch

## **FORT HARMONY – Karen Platt**

Karen said she had finished the Grant documentation. Richard Talbot – Director of Public Archaeology at BYU, has finished his documentation with recommendations from the work which was done at Fort Harmony.

## **WHAT IS IT “FOLKLORE, A TRUE STORY, OR A STORY THAT HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER”?**

Several comments were made in regard to some of the old time stories that have been talked about, passed around, and written in books. The problem is that many of the stories have no documentation other than by word of mouth. For many years word of mouth has been taken to mean a true story. Now it is important to document/list the source for every statement, story, etc.

Doug Alder’s statement about the matter is that “logic has nothing to do with evidence”.

## **WCHS BOOK CLUB**

Today, the Book Club will be held at the St. George Library, downstairs in one of the large meeting rooms. The Board members will walk to one of the local restaurants close to the Library and will meet back at 1:00 PM, to discuss Lyman Hafen’s Book – “Far From Cactus Flat”.

The next Book Club meeting will be held on May 30, 2012. Dick wants to see how the Book Club goes, before advertising the meetings in the Spectrum. Dick also said he would send some information to George Cannon to put on the website in regard to May’s Field Trip. May’s Field Trip will be about the Hurricane Canal.

## **MAY 19, 2012 FIELD TRIP TO VISIT THE HURRICANE CANAL**

The Washington County Historical Society is sponsoring a field trip to see segments of the old Hurricane Canal on May 19, 2012. Meet at the Hurricane Valley Museum, 95 S. Main St. in Hurricane at 10:00 am. The tour will last about 2 hours. Victor Hall, who has written a lot about the Hurricane Canal and who produced the Hurricane Canal video that we hope to have up on the website soon, will host us.

There are articles and maps about the Hurricane Canal on the WCHS website [wchsutah.org](http://wchsutah.org) in case you would like to read them.

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

1. Dick Kohler wondered if anyone has a voice recording of Juanita Brooks.
  - Karl Brooks may have a recording of his mother Juanita Brooks
  - Doug Alder thought there might be a voice recording of Juanita in an interview done at the Dixie State College in the Library
  - Phil Tuckett is looking for the voice recording
2. There was an ad in the paper – There is a need for a young actress to portray Juanita Brooks and also an actor to portray an older man
3. Orfa Hunt is buried at the St. George, UT Cemetery
4. Elwood Mead (Lake Mead is named after Elwood) wrote a Book in 1903 about “Irrigation Investigations” – the book is about economic and legal questions created by the growth of irrigated agriculture in the West.
5. the LaVerkin Tunnel was a capitalist project
6. The Hurricane Canal was a co-operative project
7. The Subject for the WCHS Book Club for the month of May will be about the Hurricane Canal. Dick will have George post some information on the WCHS website about the Hurricane Canal, so everyone will have access to the information
8. Grandson of Warren Foote who was a Professor at Utah State, re-established the route/trail from Hurricane to Orderville, UT

Respectfully submitted  
Lynne Johnston