

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors' Meeting
March 27, 2013
"Final"

Dick Kohler opened the meeting at 10:10 AM. Those present at the meeting were Elaine Taylor, Doug Alder, George Cannon, Jennifer Kohler, Sidney Creer, Earl Bastian, Braden Hancock (Boiler's Presentation), LoAnne Barnes, Martha Ham, Eric Fleming, Niki Hancock Warner (also Boiler's Presentation), and Lynne Johnston.

Dick passed out an Agenda to everyone present, with the following items listed:

FEBRUARY MINUTES – Lynne Johnston

Lynne was not present at the January or February 2013 meetings. Dick mentioned that he did take some notes and he would try to email them to her. She asked for the approval of the October, and November 2012 Minutes. She did make some corrections of those Minutes.

Corrections were also made on the March 27, 2013 Minutes. She would also like approval of those Minutes.

JUANITA BROOKS LECTURE – Doug Alder

The 30th Annual Juanita Brooks Lecture will be held on March 27, 2013 (tonight) at the St. George Tabernacle at 7 PM. The guest speaker will be Dr. Stephen L. Prince. He will be speaking about Antone B. Prince – Washington County Sheriff – 1936-1954. The evening is open to the public and there will be no charge.

There were questions about the new St. George Temple Book "All That Was Promised – The St. George Temple and the Unfolding of the Restoration" and Doug said the book could be bought at Deseret Book. There would be one more book signing at Deseret Book on Thursday, March 28, 2013, at 5-7PM, by Blaine Yorgason and Doug Alder.

Doug also mentioned the Springdale Lecture on April 29, 2013, at 7:30 PM. The lecture will be given by R. Paul Reeve. The subject is "Mormons, Miners, and Paiutes". It will be held at the Canyon Community Center.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Elaine Tyler

Elaine e-mailed a copy of the February 2013 Treasurer's Report on March 21, 2013, to the Board Distribution List. She asked for the Report to be approved at today's meeting. The opening balance of WCHS Checking Account was \$531.67. There were two new membership's – Kelton & Edward Hafen \$30.00 and Jennifer and Richard Kohler

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\$30.00. There was also a .01 cent "Testing website button" by George Cannon – total deposits \$60.01, bringing the balance to \$531.67. In the Money Market Savings Account there was a balance of \$26,537.42. There were two Annual memberships – William Banek \$15.00 and Mike and Colleen Empey - \$15.00. There were two Lifetime memberships from Dean and Larene Cox \$150.00 and Ronald and Patricia Cundick \$150.00. The total in the Savings Account is \$26,537.42.

Jennifer Kohler made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Doug Alder seconded the Motion. All present voted "Aye".

GRANTS – Elaine Tyler

Elaine mentioned that Ian Crowe and Karen Platt were supposed to have their reports turned in by the January 30, 2013 meeting. That did not happen.

She also mentioned that she is no longer in charge of the Grants. We thank Elaine for a job well done! WCHS appreciates all the work and effort Elaine has spent over the years in this position.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – ST. GEORGE ARTS COUNCIL

Washington County Commissioners are planning on putting an initiative on the ballot to fund money for the St. George Arts Council. The initiative would ask for 1/10 of 1% Sales Tax County wide. Money from this initiative might be able to help with funding for WCHS.

ST. GEORGE HISTORIC DISTRICT PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Craig Harvey and Bob Nicholson are in charge of City Development Department. There are seven members on the Historic District Preservation Committee, appointed by the Mayor of St. George. They serve for four year terms. Among other things, they review nominations for City Landmark Designation, or for National Register Listings. They have designated Santa Clara, St. George, and Leeds, as Historical Landmarks.

THE SILVER REEF FOUNDATION – LoAnne Barnes and Martha Ham

LoAnne and Martha both thanked WCHS for their support in the past with Grant money to fund Historical projects in Leeds and Silver Reef. The Wells Fargo Silver Reef Museum has been closed since the Fall of 2012, because of funding. Recently, the "Silver Reef Foundation" (non-profit) has been formed, for the purpose of reopening of the Museum. The hope is to open the Museum by May 1, 2013. The Silver Reef Foundation (SRF) is in the process of applying for a 501(c) non profit status with the IRS. It may take several months before the application is approved. It is the hope of the SRF that the WCHS will be the lead sponsor in reopening the Museum. They have

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decided that it would take approximately \$5000 to reopen the Museum and they are asking WCHS to contribute \$2500 for that purpose. The Silver Reef Foundation plans to match the WCHS donation with donations from charter members of a new Club – the Silver Club.

The University of Pennsylvania has some artifacts from the Silver Reef Mines. A Dr. Schuyler (sp?) is planning on attending the reopening of the Silver Reef Museum on May 1, 2013. He will be bringing some of those artifacts with him to display at the Museum.

Elaine Tyler reminded everyone that she donated \$1500 towards the furnishings for WCHS to use in the event they found an office/or room. The purpose being that they would have a permanent place for their files, etc. That money has never been used. Elaine said she would like to donate that \$1500 to the Silver Reef Museum, along with another \$1000 from WCHS which would make the \$2500 that the Silver Reef Foundation has requested (see attached letter). Doug Alder made a Motion to give the Silver Reef Foundation \$2500 and Earl Bastian seconded the Motion. All present said “Aye”. The Motion was approved.

Elaine also suggested LoAnne and Martha contact Susan Crook in regard to help – also call Barbara Howard who represents Easter Seals (volunteers).

WEBSITE – George Cannon

When Doug Alder reported on the new Blaine Yorgason book about the St. George Temple, he mentioned that the first version of the book was rejected for not being readable enough. George asked if the original version could be put up on the WCHS website for those people who wanted the more detailed history. Doug said he might only have a paper copy, but would look into it.

George reported on the new Google search feature of the WCHS website. There is a “Search WCHS Site” link on each page of the website that will bring up a Google search page. It can be used to do a Google search on just the WCHS website.

George suggested we take a good look at our board membership list on <http://wchsutah.org/wchs/board.php> and bring it up to date to reflect the current Board list. George will e-mail out a copy to the meeting attendees for review.

Sharon Welch has requested a copy of our “Historic Buildings of Washington County, Volume 2” (we don’t have any more of Volume 1) booklet and a copy of each Pioneer Courthouse Invitational Art Exhibit Poster for the County Archives. She would also like an extra copy of each of the Posters to be framed and hung in the County Administration

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Building. The Board approved the request, but asked that she put a small notice in the corner of each framed poster, that says “Copies are available for purchase from the Washington County Historical Society” like was done in the old Courthouse.

(I do not remember who made the Motion or seconded the Motion to approve Sharon Welch’s request – does anyone remember – sorry I missed this one).

It was also mentioned that the WCHS Website is a good venue for selling Historical items.

BOILERS SPRING & MILLCREEK CANYON – Braden Hancock & Niki Hancock Warner

Braden and his sister Niki, presented a power point presentation on their idea for the Boilers Spring in Washington City, right off of the I-15 Freeway in Washington City. Please see the attached newspaper article written by Mori Kessler, Assistant Editor of St. George News. The members of the Committee enjoyed their presentation and wished them the best in the furthering of their ideas with their worthy cause.

CENTER FOR MEDIA INNOVATION – DIXIE COLLEGE – Ian Crowe

Ian mentioned that the students in the CMI program can film short (10 to 15 minute) videos to show at Museums, etc.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUTHORS – Dick Kohler

Donn Publishing will be at the Holland Building (Dixie State College) on April 10, 2013. It was suggested that someone should notify Loren Webb, or any others who might be interested in publishing a Book.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES – Dick Kohler

April 1st – Colleagues Water Presentation – Dick Kohler - to be held at the DSC Taylor Building behind the Dixie Regional Hospital – Rm. 156 – 12:00 Noon
April 12th – Dixie Arizona Strip Lecture - Leo Lyman – to be held at the BLM office

MARCH FIELD TRIP – Milt Hokanson

Milt was not at the March meeting, but it was announced that Saturday, March 29, 2013 would be the Field Trip to Logandale, NV. We are supposed to meet in the BLM parking lot at 9:30 AM and travel to the old Logandale School House/now a Museum. The guest speaker will be Virginia Tobiasson. You are supposed to bring your own lunch, etc.

March Field Trip Continued

Those that would like to can travel to Overton after Virginia's lecture to see the "Lost City Museum" – early Anazazi site along the Colorado River.

MAY FIELD TRIP – Kelton and Ed Hafen

There are two possible dates for this field trip, which would be Friday, May 3rd, or Friday, May 10th, 2013. No definite date has been made. This field trip would be to Clover Valley – the Hafen Ranch in Barclay.

OTHER POSSIBLE FIELD TRIPS – Ian Crowe

Ian has been researching the possibility of WCHS attending the facility on the Smith Mesa in Hurricane. It is a "Test Site" for airplane ejection seats, once owned by the Government – now owned by a private owner.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Jeanine VanderBruggen/Dick Kohler mentioned that the DUP Museum is looking for ways to raise money for a new roof for the building
2. It was suggested that WCHS find a person who would like to be on our Board and have the "know how" to raise money

Respectfully Submitted
Lynne Johnston