

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
September 25, 2013  
"Final"

The meeting started at 10:10 AM. Dick welcomed all those who attended. He asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

Those in attendance were Dick Kohler, George Cannon, Lyman Platt, Karen A. Platt, LoAnne Barnes, Laurene Hansen, Eric Fleming, Doug Alder, Susan Crook, Elaine Tyler, Mrs. Kohler, and Lynne Johnston.

Lynne passed a roll sheet around, but she missed picking it up at the end of the meeting. If you were present and your name is not mentioned here, please tell her so she can add it to the Minutes.

**MINUTES – Lynne Johnston**

The April 24, 2013 Minutes were discussed. Lynne is not sure they were approved. She was not at the May 29, 2013 meeting – to her knowledge there were no minutes taken.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Elaine Tyler**

Elaine sent the Treasurer's Report for the period of May 1 – August 31, 2013, via e-mail to the Board. Lynne Johnston made a Motion and Doug Alder seconded the Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. All present said "Aye".

**WEBSITE UPDATE – George Cannon**

- There has been a lot of activity on the Website, though it is hard to notice amid the large amount of information that is already on there.
- LaRee Jones has organized a committee to work with George on compiling the history of East Elementary School in St. George while it is still there. That campus is likely to be taken over by the college in the future. Susan recommended contacting Robert Gardner's son (the architect for the school) Ray Gardner.
- Venice Gubler Harris is going to George's house on September 25, 2013, to correct and add to the information of her family (the Emil and Nellie Gubler family).
- George showed a photo of the sign on the Ern Larson property in Bloomington. It says it is "Registered with the National Historical Society" (which doesn't exist as far as we know) and people keep contacting us for permission to go onto the property and take pictures. We should find out who has control of that property so that we can refer questions to the proper authority. Dick commented that the Morby's have control, but they are on a mission. Mike Woodward, a DSU Speech Professor lives just to the East and might know something.

## WCHS Website cont'd. – George Cannon

- George stated that he is putting every spare minute on the Website work and will have to leave it to others to do these kinds of field investigations.
- We need to get Carolyn Reingold's permission to put the Bloomington history that she wrote up on the Website. Elaine Tyler has a copy of the Book.

## **SILVER REEF MUSEUM – Eric Fleming**

- A new non-profit Silver Reef Foundation is now running the Museum
- Washington County owns the Museum and all the artifacts and has leased this to the SRF Board to manage
- The Washington County pays the utilities and does maintenance for the Museum
- The Museum is open four (4) days a week – Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They have a great group of volunteers – two shifts a day for the four (4) days.
- Attendance averages fifty (50) people a day
- Schools on field trips – They have had up to one hundred twenty (120) children in one day. Susan Savage, a Board Member has designed several worksheets for younger children
- The Museum is working on better signage
- Work is being done on an “APP” for Smart Phones – also on a new Website
- A new trail map showing ten (10) areas around the Museum that people could walk to and read about history of Silver Reef
- A new information Brochure for the Museum is being designed
- A historic “Ghost Night” at Silver Reef is being planned for Halloween

## **GRANTS – Susan Crook**

Susan Crook volunteered to take care of the “Grants” for WCHS. A Motion was made by Elaine Tyler to have Susan become the “Grant Manager” and LoAnne Barnes seconded the Motion. All present said “Aye”. Thank you Susan for your offer to fill this position.

Lyman Platt turned in the necessary paperwork for the Fort Harmony Grant. He stated that this was the second time he had turned in the paperwork.

Lynne pointed out that in the April 2, 2008 Minutes – a Motion was made and seconded that at the time the Grant money is given to the respective person, they should only receive 80% percent. They would get the other 20% at the time the project is finished and the paperwork has been turned in. All those present voted “Aye”.

### **FORT HARMONY –Karen and Lyman Platt**

- Lyman talked about a repository for the Artifacts from Fort Harmony
- Doug Alder suggested that Dixie State University has the best Archive – Daphne Selbert is the Archivist – they take Documents, not Artifacts
- It was suggested that Karen could photograph all the Artifacts and put on the WCHS Website
- Janet Seegmiller is the Archivist at Southern Utah University
- Could Washington County and Iron County work jointly – Preservation and Historical Society – multi jurisdiction?
- The Monument plaque had to be re-done – it is ready to be installed – the dedication of the plaque will be done some time soon.
- Karen is looking for a member of the Native American Mission to do the Dedicatory Prayer – someone from the Paiute Shivwits Tribe?

### **PERSONAL FAMILY HISTORIES, STORIES, DOCUMENTS, LETTERS, JOURNALS – Lyman Platt**

- Lyman provided a CD with a number of valuable historical documents  
They have been collected together on the Website at:  
<http://wchsutah.org/documents/platt/platt-library.php>

### **PAGE RANCH – Laurene Hansen**

- Is on the National Register of Historic Places
- Has been decimated – there are 1430 Acres - Is in Iron County
- Could Iron County and Washington County “bridge the gap” to work on preserving this property?
- Could a preservation or conservation easement be acquired
- George Cannon would like to get any information Laurene could provide for the Page Ranch Webpage – <http://wchsutah.org/geography/little-pinto.php>

### **UTAH HERITAGE FOUNDATION SEMINAR – Susan Crook**

- Seminar to be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at the Santa Clara Town Hall
- Speakers to be Kirk Huffaker – Director of the Utah Heritage Foundation
- Susan Crook – IO Landscape Architecture and member of WCHS
- Dick Kohler – President of Washington County Historical Society
- Herb Basso – Santa Clara City Councilman
- Kirk gave a presentation to the Santa Clara City Council on the subject of Preservation of Historical Buildings/Homes in towns

### **JUANITA BROOKS LECTURE SERIES – Doug Alder**

- All Juanita Brooks Lectures are being made into a book
- Since 1984 there have been 30 Lectures
- George Cannon said all the Lectures are on the WCHS Website
- The Trials of John D. Lee by Richard Turley will be presented on March 26, 2014 at the Tabernacle

### **“ALL THAT WAS PROMISED” – Doug Alder/Richard A. Schmutz/Blaine Yorgason**

- President Bruce Hafen (President of St. George Temple) asked Doug Alder and Richard Schmutz to write a new book on the History of the St. George Temple.
- Once the Transcript was done it was submitted to Deseret Book and their reply was that it needed something more
- President Hafen enlisted the help of Blaine Yorgason to “put some life into the Transcript”
- Blaine researched many Journals, Histories, Stories of the people who built the Temple and he told those stories
- 5,000 copies were made for the first printing – a second printing has been done
- Can be bought at Deseret Book, Costco, Barnes & Noble, Amazon

### **BOOKS THAT WERE BROUGHT FOR REVIEW – Dick Kohler and Karen Platt**

- “Greek Revival America” by Roger C. Kennedy – early LDS Architecture
- “When Art Worked” by Stewart Tabori Chang
- “A Frontier Life – Jacob Hamblin – Explorer and Indian Missionary” by Todd M. Compton

### **OCTOBER FIELD TRIP – Modena – Phil Tuckett**

- Will be the last week of October – may not be on a Saturday but a day during the week

Respectfully Submitted  
C. Lynne Johnston