

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors' Meeting
November 19, 2014
"Final"

Dick Kohler started the meeting at 10:00 AM. Those present were: Elaine Tyler, Ken & Pat Hadley, LoAnne Barnes, Ken Baldrige (guest), Don Graf – Santa Clara, John Gunt – Santa Clara, Pat Cundick, Jean Krause – Virgin, Susan Crook, Edward Hafen, Kelton Hafen, Jennifer Kohler, Richard Kohler, George Cannon, Doug Alder, and Lynne Johnston.

MINUTES – Lynne Johnston

- The Minutes from October 22, 2014, need to be approved
- The November 19, 2014, Minutes need to be approved

TREASURER'S REPORT – Elaine Tyler

- The Treasurer's Report dated October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 needs to be approved
- The Treasurer's Report for the Month of November 1 – 30, 2014 needs to be approved
- Elaine questioned about the \$750.00 Donation from "The Ironman Race" to Boiling Springs Ecoseum – those present suggested that Elaine send the money to Nikki Warner who is in charge of the Boiling Springs Ecoseum

SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS – Wayne Pace

- 166 CCC Camps in the State of Utah
- Flood control projects
- Worked to bring the Santa Clara Creek under control
- Utah Historical Society has documented all the CCC Camps in Utah
- The town of Leeds has done an outstanding job of restoring the CCC Camp
- Leeds used their CLG Grant to fund some of the restoration
- LaVerkin's CCC Camp is off of Highway 9
- It was suggested that a "QR" Code could be out on the CCC Camp Sign in Pinto
- There is a DVD "Depression to Destiny" available which is about the CCC Camps
- The Quarry Trail Field Trip will be held on November 22, 2014 – 10:00 AM

UTAH HERITAGE FOUNDATION AWARD – Susan Crook

- Susan submitted a nomination for the Utah Heritage Foundation Award
- Ft. Harmony, Grafton, and Silver Reef need to turn in their Annual Reports by the end of February
- Dick mentioned that the Terry's property in Enterprise could be donated to the town of Enterprise – Enterprise could then get CLG funding to maintain the property

VIRGIN BRIDGE/JUANITA BROOKS SYMPOSIUM – Doug Alder

- There was a discussion of the restoration of Virgin Bridge
- Doug mentioned that the decision has to be made to:
Rework the old iron Bridge or be safe and make a new Bridge
- The Juanita Brooks Symposium/Lecture will be held on March 25, 2015 at the Tabernacle – 7:00 PM
- Todd M. Compton, Author of “A Frontier Life – Jacob Hamblin, Explorer and Indian Missionary” will be the speaker
- Susan E. Black and George Durrant (husband and wife team) will begin a three month lecture series in the St. George Tabernacle – first meeting will be on November 8, 2014
- The first of their tri-month lectures will be on Joseph Smith, the founder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- December’s lecture will be on the life and ministry of Jesus Christ
- January’s lecture will be on the Mormon leader and Colonizer – Brigham Young
- Doug is teaching an ICL class on the History of Washington County – it is held at the Dunford Auditorium on Monday’s – January through April 6, 2015.

BROWN BAG LECTURES – George Cannon

- Milt Hokanson is in charge of the Brown Bag Lectures at the BLM office this year
- Milt asked George if he would be interested in telling about the WCHS website at one of the Lectures
- He also asked Dick Kohler if he would be a speaker at one of the Lectures

WCHS WEBSITE – George Cannon

- George mentioned that he receives five or ten emails a day on the WCHS website
- He gave an example of one of the features of the website – if someone looked at the page on the Tithing House in Leeds, they could add information by clicking on “Feedback” on that page
- George has given presentations of the WCHS website
- He has received information about a collection from 1923 – “Orin Hardy – Zion’s Canyon”
- He has received an offer from a fellow in California to donate a 1923 photo of President Warren Harding visiting in Zion National Park. George referred him to the Dixie State University (DSU) archives. They will accept the donation and make a high resolution digital copy for the WCHS website.

SHONESBURG – Dick Kohler

- New owners are very protective of the property
- May be able to take a field trip this coming Spring
- Ian Crowe asked if twenty people could come
- New owners found out about WCHS from the website
- George has a 1934 photo of the house which he will put on the website

BLOOMINGTON WELL EXPLOSION DOCUMENTARY– Kelton & Ed Hafen

- Ed stated that they need a title for the Documentary
- The research is continuing
- They have been looking for descendants of the people who were killed when the oil well exploded
- They found one entry in a diary written by Orval Hafen
- Dixie State (DSU) has 40 interviews – Clark Empey who is a son of Joseph Empey
- They would like to enter the Documentary in “DocUtah”

SPRINGDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION – DICK KOHLER

- Dick explained that Springdale has formed a Historic District Commission
- The Commission has five members – Jack Burns is an acting member

SANTA CLARA – Susan Crook

- Santa Clara is back in compliance with the CLG Preservation Commission
- They have been working on the Historical area of the town
- They have established a reasonable framework to work with
- They have talked about using the statues to beautify their main street through town
- It was suggested that they could contact Bob Nicholson who is on the St. George Economic Development Commission for some help

VIRGIN – Jean Krause

- Virgin has appointed a Historic Preservation Commission
- Could go to the Oil Wells in Virgin for a field trip

POSSIBLE FIELD TRIPS – DICK KOHLER

- Bloomington Oil Well
- Hurricane Mesa
- Whitney Ranch – Marilyn Nay Cattoor (Lynne will write her a letter)

MEETING FOR JANUARY 28, 2015

- It was suggested that the January meeting be held at the Santa Clara City Hall
- January 17, 2015 – show a film

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully Submitted
Lynne Johnston