

Washington County Historical Society Board Meeting
January 31, 2018
St. George Branch Library

Board Members Present

Richard Kohler, WCHS President
George Cannon, WCHS Vice President/ Web Master
Susan Crook, WCHS Grants Manager
Pat Cundick, WCHS Publicity/ Silver Reef Museum Board
Ron Cundick, Silver Reef Museum Board President
Susie Nilsson, WCHS Fieldtrip Coordinator/ Santa Clara Historic Preservation Commission
Keith Cannon, Juanita Brooks Statue Project Chair
Sidney Creer, Juanita Brooks Statue Project Co-Chair
Richard Hafen
Marti Hafen
Kenneth Sizemore, Dixie Arizona Strip Interpretive Association (DASIA) Executive Director
David Peterson, Sons of Utah Pioneers, Dixie Encampment Chapter President
Bobbi Wankier, Silver Reef Museum Manager/ Arts to Zion Board
Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Daughters of Utah Pioneers McQuarrie Museum Board President
Kathleen Broeder, Dixie State University Special Collections/ Archives
Doug Alder, St. George Historic Preservation Commission
LoAnne Barnes, Leeds Historic Preservation Commission/ Silver Reef Museum Board
Jesse Stocking (arrived late)

Others Present

Chuck & Vicki Niggemeyer (arrived late)

Welcome and Call to Order

Dick Kohler called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Field Trip Reports

- George Cannon recapped the WCHS fieldtrip on January 20, 2018 to the Middleton Tunnel, Hernia Dam and Turkey Farm. The WCHS field trip was cold and damp, but the rain quit or was light enough that participants were able to get out of the cars at the various stops.
- Ken Sizemore reported on the DASIA fieldtrip to the Cedar City Livestock Auction January 25, 2018. It is one of the few live auctions left. Most are done online. Participants ate lunch at the Market Grill the café in the auction building.

Member Introductions and Reports

Each attendee gave a brief introduction and reported on their recent and upcoming activities. Items of note include the following:

A copy of Bobbi Wankier's report on "The Way We Worked" Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit and ancillary activities is appended.

Kathleen Broeder announced that the annual Juanita Brooks Lecture will be held in the Cox Auditorium on the Dixie State University campus on April 17th at 7 p.m. after skipping a year due to the renovation of the St. George Tabernacle, its usual venue.

Nomination of Officers

Dick Kohler noted that the WCHS board has been without a secretary since Lynn Johnston's resignation over a year ago. Elaine Tyler resigned as treasurer just prior to this meeting after serving well in that position for many years. In addition to filling those positions, Mr. Kohler suggested the need for additional officers, to include another vice-president authorized to sign checks, a newsletter chair, and a membership chair. Currently Dick Kohler and George Cannon are signatories on the checking account. Two signatures are required on checks.

Motion: Doug Alder nominated Susan Crook as Secretary. Susan Crook accepted and seconded the nomination. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Susie Nilsson suggested that WCHS ask a local accounting firm to do bookkeeping for the organization. Keith Cannon pointed out that past treasurer Elaine Tyler left a list of tasks with a schedule of deadlines (attached) that would be fairly easy for a new treasurer to follow. George Cannon will take over the following tasks previously done by the treasurer:

- Renew web site domain names and hosting
- Schedule room for monthly meetings
- Send e-mail announcing meeting

Motion: Susie Nilsson nominated Kathleen Broeder as a Vice President with authority to sign checks. Second by Doug Alder. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Kathleen asked the purpose of membership and newsletter chairs. What do members get for their membership? Doug proposed having public presentations three times a year as a member benefit. Kathleen suggested having activities other than lectures that would attract a broader audience.

Motion: Susie Nilsson nominated Kathleen Broeder and Doug Alder as co-chairs of the Program Committee. Second by LoAnne Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: The Program Committee Co-chairs will bring a proposal to the next board meeting outlining how the committee will function, with proposed activities and schedule. Ken Sizemore gave permission to hold the public programs in the Historic County Courthouse, which is managed by DASIA.

Motion: Keith Cannon nominated himself as Acting Treasurer. Second by Kathleen Broeder. Motion passed unanimously. Keith is already authorized to sign checks as manager of the Juanita Brooks Statue Project. At the October 25, 2017 board meeting, George made a motion to name Keith Cannon a WCHS Vice President. Kathleen (plus several others) seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Presentations

Guest Vicki Korn Niggemeyer discussed and distributed information about her consulting business giving presentations about writing family histories and doing activities to involve youth in family history activities. She will give free presentations if she is allowed to sell the books she has written, or will do guest lectures for a fee of \$50 if book sales are not permitted. She and her husband live in Las Vegas.

Keith Cannon gave a progress report on the Juanita Brooks Statue Project. He handed out a promotional flyer to be used for soft selling funding appeals to individuals with connections to Juanita Brooks. One potential donor pledged a major gift if a second statue will be placed on the DSU campus in addition to the one slate in front of the Dixie Academy Building in downtown St. George where Juanita Brooks taught. Local sculptor [Annette Everett](#) has accepted the commission contingent on raising ±\$60,000. The additional casting of the second statue raised the cost to ±\$90,000, including the two bases.

George Cannon pointed out that the front of the Juanita Brooks flyer refers those interested to the Juanita Brooks page on the WCHS website, <http://wchsutah.org/people/juanita-brooks.php>, where we have some biographical information, genealogy, photos, a list of her publications, and more detailed information about the current Juanita Brooks Project. The back of the flyer refers people to the website home page for other information about Washington County history.

Susan left the meeting at 11:45. George Cannon reported there was no significant business conducted from that time until adjournment.

Next Meeting: February 28, 2018

Time of Adjournment: Noon

Meeting Notes Prepare by Susan Crook, Recording Secretary/ Grants Manager