

Washington County Historical Society
Executive Board Meeting – Minutes
September 5, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Joyce Whittaker, President. An introduction of the members was made as there were some new members. Those present were: Connie Blake, Bill and Erma Fife, Lucia Christensen, Elaine Tyler, Laura Cooper, Anna Snow, Joyce Whittaker, Bart Anderson, Phyllis Lawton, Lewana Hale, Bob Olsen, Alan Barker, Marie Hansen, Randy Hansen and Lynne Johnston.

Lynne Johnston read the minutes of the May 2, 2007 Board meeting – there were two corrections, which she made. A motion was made and seconded to approve the corrected minutes.

An approval of the Treasurer's Report was made, even though the records were at the Chamber of Commerce office (Russ Behrmann). Joyce Whittaker turned in a receipt for \$10.00 for a new binder/notebook to be used for past minutes, etc. When Fred Armbruster (past Treasurer) left, he left the records with Russ Behrmann, Vice-President. However, Russ resigned because of health problems. He will represent the Chamber of Commerce/Vision Dixie at our meetings. We are now in need of a Vice-President and a Treasurer.

Joyce Whittaker found a box with past years records and she wondered what should be done with them. It was suggested that she donate them to Dixie College Library, as other Washington County Historical Society information had been given to them.

Laura Cooper has volunteered to represent the Daughters of Utah Pioneers on our Committee. Joyce handed out a report of all the new members and their positions.

It was suggested that Santa Clara could use the Boy Scouts of America, to assist them in their "Clean Up" Days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There will be a new Information Center at the Chamber of Commerce Open House on September 29, 2007. (Russ Behrmann)

DUP – Laura Cooper

Laura explained about the new forms that are needed to get prints made of family histories and copies of photos. The alarm system at the Museum had to be updated. There was a recent theft of two framed sets of Indian Arrowheads which were taken. Laura explained about a Plot Map which is there – which shows where the early pioneers settled.

HURRICANE – Phyllis Lawton

Phyllis talked about “Peach Days.” She passed around a newspaper article about an old house being moved vs. being torn down. It was behind the Bradshaw House. A molasses mill and plow had to be re-arranged. They have remodeled the kitchen in the Heritage Park Museum. They have replaced all the workings on the flag in the park. There is a new family history book available in regard to the Hinton’s and Spendloves. On September 13, 2007 there will be a meeting with Bart Anderson. The Department of Transportation will be starting the new road in front of the Museum June of 2008.

IVINS – Emma/Bill Fife and Randy/Marie Hansen

There was considerable flooding in the town of Ivins from the past rain storms. There will be a fundraiser for the Animal Shelter on October 20, 2007. They are also having fundraisers for all the families who lost so much in the flooding. On October 5th, there will be a Carnival at Red Hills School, on the 9th at Snow Canyon. They are raising money for the Ivins Historical Building which they are restoring. They want to put in new windows. JoAnne Baker donated \$500.00 at the raffle.

LA VERKIN – Lewana Hale

Lewana told about the “Sorghum Festival,” stating there would be no meeting during the month of October, possibly something in May. The making of Sorghum has dwindled out, however Wilson’s still makes it. There will be a new motel at the corner of the Signal Light to Zions Cyn. There has been a lot of home building down by Ash Creek. New Harmony Days were last weekend.

TOQUERVILLE – Virginia/Bob Olsen

They are in the process of making plaques for the unknown graves at the Cemetery. The electrical system at the Cemetery was flooded. A historical plaque is going to be installed in front of the town hall. That plaque would list all of the soldiers who were born in Toquerville and served for our Country. Bob was under the impression that it should be placed a little to the side of the building. There was a motion suggested which stated that the historical plaque should be placed so as not to block the Historical Building. It was seconded and approved. There was a great “THANKS” TO Bob for his untiring efforts to make the Toquerville Cemetery a better place.

WASHINGTON – Alan Barker

There is to be more road work done in Washington. They may remove houses and the Nisson Hardware Store, they will be building another bridge by the old Cotton Mill. Work will probably start in October. It was suggested that they call Barbara Howell. The Easter Seal program will pay for docents at the Museum. It has been City owned. They will be having their annual fundraiser. It will be held at the Museum – a dinner banquet – the end of October.

GRAFTON – There has been some vandalism in Grafton. The windows have been repaired.

Roy Rogers daughter lives in St. George. She might be a good speaker. She gave her program at the Library in St. George. Will Bagley was at the “Book Seller” to answer questions about Mountain Meadows.

George Cannon told about the possibility of using the Washington County Sites on the computer to advise our members of the up and coming activities.

Connie Blake – Came to tell her ideas about the Santa Clara Fort “Living History Foundation.” It sounds like a wonderful project to get involved with. She is trying to raise money to restore the New Harmony Fort, the Santa Clara Fort, and the Kanab Forts. Her phone number is 435- 229-2987.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10.