

Washington County Historical Society
Executive Board Meeting – Minutes
November 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM – by Joyce Whittaker – President

Those in attendance were Tricia Nelson, Lucia Christensen, Bill & Emma Fife, Phyllis Lawton, Lewana Hale, Bob Olsen, LoAnne Barnes, Jeannie Bates, Anna Shaw, Doug Alder, Connie Blake, Yvonne Kendall and Lynne Johnston.

The minutes of the October Board Meeting were passed around. A motion was made and seconded to approve those October minutes. Thanks to Tricia Nelson, for taking the minutes.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Jeanne Bates and approved – there is a balance of \$6,542.28 in the checking account. There are also 2 Certificates of Deposit. One at Sun First Bank CD – \$10,542.60 – due 4/11/08. The other at Village Bank CD - \$5,214.87 due 1/10/08. Tricia Nelson volunteered to find out who the signers' were on those CD accounts.

Thanks to the new members listed on the November 2007 Treasurer's Report. Our thanks to Elaine Tyler and Ray Beckham for their \$1000.00 donation.

A brochure was passed around with a handout in regard to Lifetime and Corporate Memberships.

Yvonne Kendall – Washington City:

A Museum Conference was held at Thanksgiving Point. There are 55 acres of gardens – two festivals in the Fall.

Phyllis Lawton – Hurricane:

The stained glass windows for the Tower at the new park in St. George, were made at Thanksgiving Point. In the Hurricane museum, they are going to make the displays more versatile – putting the displays on castors – they would like to take off the siding and put up a water barrier. The widening of the road in front of the museum will take away property almost to the front door, but they will still be able to use the front door. If you need help in restoring, you could call Dan Burk – 533-3500 or Don Hartley.

Emma/Bill Fife – Ivins:

Ivins had a "Flood Fundraiser" – the wind had caused some problems. Ivins received a \$500.00 donation. They have all the paper work done for a "501 3 C." There will be a Children's Theatre – They will be performing "Beauty and the Beast." They have been reviewing the General Plan.

Lewana Hale – LaVerkin:

A play “Little Women” will be held at the old White Church – November 8th thru the 12th. New sod has been installed at the City Park. There is a new building next to the City Office which can be used for a shed to store equipment. LaVerkin is planning a new Community Center in the next 2 – 3 years. They would like to put a swimming pool in at the LaVerkin City Park. They will be looking for grants to fund their improvements.

Walter Wiest - Sons of Utah Pioneers:

A double dedication was held in honor of Main Street in Hurricane and Center Street in LaVerkin.

Loanne Barnes – Leeds/Silver Reef:

Thanks for the \$1,000 Grant money. A historical survey – CLG Grant from the State. A gentleman in Leeds is interested in the CTC Camp for an office. A private individual such as Jerry Anderson uses the museum in Leeds for his art work. Another possibility – use the old school house in Silver Reef – They are thinking of building something 24 x 36 for Interpretive Graphics – but not enough space. They could lease from the City – Possibly use the improvements as a tax write-off. The 2nd Phase would be working with UDOT – they have 3 stones – build four monuments in front of the CC Camp.

Barbara Howard- Easter Seals Services:

The minimum wage is \$5.85 to work on specific projects. Easter Seals – Green Thumb – A Non-Profit business. Washington City uses it. The program keeps a person active.

Dr. Alder – St. George:

Dr. Alder suggested that everyone drive to the top of Main Street and observe the improvements to Cox Pond. Notice the red hills and the spring that feeds into Cox Pond. The water then runs down to Brooks Park. There is a statue of Juanita Brooks in the round-about. The Water Master monument is of Ellen Trueblood. That is located across from the Opera House parking lot. Dixie College will be 100 years old in 2011. The city of St. George will be 150 years old.

Sherri Anderson – Santa Clara:

Santa Clara Street looks like a “Ghost Town”

Robert/Virginia Olsen – Toquerville:

Bob is retiring??? The cemetery is done – he would still like to put curbing and re-do some of the sprinklers. In the park put up a rock foundation, have the parking lot asphalted. Have a fishing pond either side of the bridge. He is disappointed with City Hall because they did not put all the Veterans names on their monument. He erected a second monument with the other names on it. The dedication will be Saturday the 10th.

A motion was made, seconded and approved by the Board to have the Corporate Membership rate be \$100.00 per year, paid annually. The Lifetime Membership rate would be \$150.00, for communities.

Connie Blake - Southern Utah Cultural Center:

Connie would love to have a trail from the Santa Clara Cemetery to Jacob Hamblin's home. She contacted the Church to see if they would be interested in purchasing the property – they will not. The property is not buildable because of the soil. Apparently there has been a 100 year lease on the property. Dr. Alder suggested that a committee should be formed with some "Powerful People" i.e., Bruce Stucki, Sheldon Wittwer, Jeff Holland, Dale Gubler to see what the possibilities are to acquire that property.

The January Commendation will be presented to Santa Clara for the Old Relief Society Building. It is 100 years old. A suggestion was made to contact Cami Cox for newspaper coverage.

Some suggestions were made for the General Membership meeting in January – to have Bart Anderson talk about the Spanish Trail, Lyman Hafen could talk about the Arizona Strip.

The next two General meetings for November and December were cancelled because of the holidays. The Board meeting for December was also cancelled. The next Board meeting will be January 9, 2008 at the Opera House at 8:30 AM.

Joyce dismissed the meeting at 10:05 AM.