

Washington County Historical Society  
Executive Board Meeting – Minutes (Corrected)  
February 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Connie Blake at 8:30 AM. Connie welcomed all of the members of the Board.

Those in attendance were: Tricia Nelson, Kurt Nelson, Lori Rose, Bill Fife, Emma Fife, Joyce Whittaker, Connie Blake, Rolaine King, Elaine Tyler, Lewana Hale, Bob Olsen, George Cannon, Jeannie Bates, Yvonne Kendall, and Lynne Johnston.

Jeannie Bates informed the board that there was no change in the balances. However, Connie Blake, Joyce Whittaker and Jeannie Bates did visit Sun First Bank and Village Bank to sign new Signature Cards for the Certificate of Deposit Accounts at each bank.

They were informed by Sun First Bank, that they needed to see a set of Minutes from the Board – giving permission for them to change the Signature Cards. Apparently a motion to have the Signature Cards changed should have been done and then approved by the members of the Board. Perhaps this could be done at the March meeting.

There was some discussion with Trish and Kurt Nelson (a CPA) in regard to the new ruling by the IRS. Apparently non-profit organizations' need to fill out a "990 Form" and submit it to the IRS. Joyce Whittaker wondered why a non-profit organization that does not have much money on hand, need to send in a report. A Financial Statement should be done at the end of every year. Trish said she would call the Consumer Protection Agency for the State of Utah and find out if a 990 Form needs to be sent in. If so, her husband Kurt Nelson would be willing to do the paperwork and filing of the Form.

The following communities did have reports to share with the Board:

Bill and Emma Fife – Ivins:

Mayor Barney of Ivins has made an effort to let everyone know that he thinks everyone should "Accentuate the Positive." Chris Hart has financed several of the projects in the town.

Lewana Hale – LaVerkin

A new CLG (County Land Government) Committee was organized, so that the Historical work around the town could be cleaned up. A fee of \$150.00 would be charged to join the Committee, as Lifetime Members. Arrangements could be made to make two payments of the money. The Mayor is holding a "Mayor's Walk" at Confluence Park. She would bring more information about that next month. They have been working hard to clean up the corner of the Zion Canyon turnoff. They are building a new hotel – LaQuinta.

**Rolaine King – New Harmony**

Those in New Harmony want to keep the town alive by “Preserving History.” They are going to have a Founder’s Day. They want to preserve the old Church and have a display at the County Fair. They would also like to gather as much information as they can, of the town’s history. There are now two separate organizations –

New Harmony Heritage  
New Harmony Fort Historical Society

**Robert/Virginia Olsen - Toquerville**

Bob wanted everyone to know that he has retired from his position on the Toquerville City Board. He and his wife would like to “retire” and do something fun. He wanted everyone to know that Toquerville is getting ready for their 150 year celebration. Toquerville City placed a monument honoring all those from Toquerville who had served in the different wars, in front of their City Hall. Bob received permission to add those names which were missed on the original plaque.

**Lori Rose/Yvonne Spendlove - Virgin**

The City of Virgin would like to restore the old Church building. They would have to add a kitchen and bathrooms at one end of the building. They could use the building for community events once that was finished. They would like to find those that are interested in starting a Historical Society.

**Yvonne Kendall – Washington**

Yvonne thanked the Washington County Historical Committee for the Plaque which they presented to her for the restoration of the old Relief Society building in Washington. She talked about a meeting to be held on the third Thursday of March – Roy Roger’s daughter will be the guest speaker. The meeting will be at 7PM at the Library and Recreational Center. They have collected approximately 100-200 histories which they will put in the Library. The City of Washington is planning to have a “Historic District.” The first two story building is going to be built.

**George Cannon – Website**

George’s goal is to find someone who can put all of the information he has into a HTML format. Then he would present it to Washington County – as a “Link” on their Web Page. It was suggested that he contact the Dixie College Computer Science Department and ask if there might be a student who could help him. He has made a Washington County Historical Society “Group” on Yahoo.com. He is the Moderator of the group. He has listed all the information about the Washington County Historical Society, as well as posted “links” to other web sites regarding the history of St. George and the surrounding communities. George also stated that he has been collecting old historical pictures of the St. George area if anyone is interested. Thanks to you George, for a job well done!



**Elaine Tyler – Certificates of Commendation/Grants**

The Cottam/Abbott home at 508 E. 300 S. will be presented the Plaque for the month of February. Trish Nelson will ask the owners of the home at 100 S. 200 E. for the month of March. Elaine also reminded Leeds and Santa Clara (those who have been awarded the Grant money for this year) that they have to turn in report/receipts by the May meeting.

**Anna Shaw/Trish Nelson – Publicity**

Trish has tried to get the WCHS general meeting listed in several newspapers. It is the third Thursday of every month. A guest speaker comes. Someone suggested she might try the radio.

**Joyce Whittaker – Historian**

Our thanks to Joyce for the wonderful **February Newsletter**. It was very informative and interesting. Thanks Joyce!

The meeting was adjourned by Connie Blake at approximately 9:45AM.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6, 2008.