

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
(WCHS)

Executive Board Meeting – Minutes

April 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order by our President Connie Blake, at 8:30AM.

Those in attendance were Jeanette Bates, Joyce Whittaker, Bill and Emma Fife, George Cannon, Evonne Spendlove, Elaine Tyler, Susan Crook, Phyllis Lawton, Lewana Hale, Connie Blake, Douglas Alder and Lynne Johnston.

The Board members were asked to read the minutes from the March 5, 2008. A motion was made to approve the minutes with the necessary corrections. The motion was seconded and the Board approved them.

The Treasurer's Report was given by our Treasurer, Jeanne Bates. The balance as of March 3, 2008 was \$7384.89. There were two different deposits made totaling \$635. There were also twelve new memberships. There were also some pending memberships. The total balance in the checking account after the deposits is \$8019.89.

There are two Certificates of Deposit –

- Sun First CD \$10,795.17 @4.75% maturity 4/11/08
- Village Bank CD \$ 5,014.87 @4.50% renewed 1/10/08

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. The Board members approved the report with an "Aye."

The signature card for the CD at Sun First Bank needs additional signatures from Joyce Whittaker, Jeanne Bates and Lynne Johnston.

A fee of \$7.00 needs to be paid to the State of Utah for the renewal for Non-Profit Entity before April 25, 2008. The renewal can be done over the internet. The WCHS needs to register with the Consumer Protection Agency (can be found on the internet at Utah.Gov) if they want to solicit in any way for funds for their organization. There is a \$100.00 registration fee. It should be renewed annually.

Jeanne Bates had a question about taxes – (May 15, 2008) – Connie said she would call Trish Nelson – her husband could take care of it.

1. **Website** - George Cannon

George has made a WCHS business card so that we can distribute them - good for publicity. He would like us to call him if we have old stories, pictures, etc. that could be posted on the site. He would help us with the "know how" to put that information on the site. He has posted links listing historical web sites - an information regarding lectures here in town i.e. Bart Anderson and the "Sundance Kid" - he could list our monthly general meetings and speakers, etc. Joyce Kelley is the contact person for the Washington County web-site.

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2. **Grants** - Elaine Tyler

Two grant applications were asked for:

- Hurricane requested a \$1000 grant to help pay for the roof repairs on their museum.
- Virgin requested a grant for \$500 to pay for the engineers who have already done drawings, etc.

A motion was made to approve the two above grants. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board with an "Aye". The actual grant money will be handed to representatives from the towns of Hurricane and Virgin at the April 24th general meeting. It was suggested that along with the grant money, a letter from each town be read with a picture/description of the project to be done. Jeanne Bates will be notified as to when to have the checks available. It has not been done in the past but a suggestion was made - along with presenting the checks to the appropriate representatives, have a photographer there so that a picture and an article could be submitted to the local newspapers for publication. That way the local communities will be aware of the Washington County Historical Society.

Santa Clara has not turned in their receipts for the grant that was given to them this past year. A suggestion was made - Only give 80% of the grant money to start with - at the finish of the project give the town the other 20%. In order to get the balance of the money (20%) turn in all the paperwork, receipts, etc. Another idea was to have the town return the money if they couldn't follow the guidelines set forth. *(approved)*

3. **Southern Utah Cultural Center** - Connie Blake

Connie said that the LDS Church sold the property (around the original fort site) to a private developer. The City of Santa Clara and the Southern Utah Cultural Committee are very concerned.

4. **St. George** - Douglas Alder

Dr. Alder told us about a fellow named Leo Lyman. Leo Lyman has been doing Research on the Spanish Trail - through Silver Reef. He would be a good person to keep on our list of speakers for our monthly lectures.

5. **New Harmony** - Joyce Whittaker per info from Rolaine King
A suggestion was made to have the Pace home in New Harmony recognized for the month of September.
6. **Virgin** - Lori Rose/Evonne Spendlove
They wanted to thank WCHS very much for the grant money. For their July 24th celebration this year they will be celebrating Virgin's 100 year old birthday. One of the things they will do is have the children act out the stories of the early pioneer families.
7. **Santa Clara** - Congratulations to the City of Santa Clara! They will be dedicating their new City Hall. It was built as a replica of the old Santa Clara School House. A sizeable donation has been made to hire an artist to paint a mural at the top of the main staircase inside the building. Does anyone know an artist?
8. **LaVerkin** - Lewana Hale
The Rumpelstiltskin play was very good. There are two or three homes that could be recognized/ready by Fall. The Gubler home would be one of them.
9. **Hurricane** - Phyllis Lawton
Phyllis wants to thank WCHS for their wonderful donation (grant money). The money will be used for a new roof and other projects at their museum. They hired three men at thirty hours per week. They have remodeled/painted the basement. They also took out some of the big trees so that now there is a better view of the beautiful garden. They have a lecture series - meeting is held the second Thursday of every month at 7PM, at the museum. This month's speaker will be Bart Anderson.
10. **DUP** - Laura Cooper
The Artifact of the Month for the month of May is a story about William Lang, one of the early settlers in St. George.
11. **Newsletter** - Joyce Whittaker
Joyce was commended for a wonderful job of typing and sending out the Newsletter. Thank you Joyce! Joyce hopes we can find a newsletter editor as we need to send one at least once a year.
12. **Ivins** - Bill and Emma Fife
Growth in Ivins has necessitated a new building for the Department of Public Works located at 460 N. 200 W. The City of Ivins has enlisted the help of the Youth Council to discuss ideas about new businesses, potential Recreation Center, opportunity to have a "Bands' Night" and a chance to ask the Police Chief questions. On May 3rd and 4th, Kayenta will be hosting a new event -

"The Deseret Bloom Festival". It will feature artwork depicting plant life or pieces - such as sculptures that would be appropriate in a garden. Red Mountain Spa has played a large part in introducing people to the art community at Coyote Gulch in Kayenta.

Susan Crooks is a new member of the WCHS. She represents the Utah Chapter of The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). The ASLA has proclaimed April 2008 as National Landscape Architecture Month. The Utah ASLA is celebrating with public outreach activities such as the Oral History Night on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 6:30PM at the St. George branch of the Washington County Library. Chapter Trustee, Susan Crook notes, "Utah's designed landscapes are constantly altered or demolished with little or no appreciation of their significance or their creators. Too often, the story behind these places goes to the grave with the landscape architects who designed them."

Peggy Childs will be the guest speaker for the April 24th meeting, to be held at the old City Hall, upstairs at 12:00 Noon. Peggy was the original "organizer" of the Washington County Historical Society.

Connie Blake thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at The next meeting will be held on May 7, 2008 - at the Opera House - at 8:30 AM.