

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
8-28-2019, 10:10 AM
Washington County Library, St. George
Minutes - Approved 9-25-2019

Attendees: Doug Alder, LoAnne Barnes, Kathleen Broeder, George Cannon, Keith Cannon, Sidney Creer, Susan Crook, Patricia Cundick, Mike Gardner, Richard Kohler, Jesse Stocking, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Willa Derrick (Guest), Dana Moody (Guest), Kelly Pearce (Visitor)

Welcome and Call to Order – Susan Crook, President

Introductions: Willa Derrick and Dana Moody (Leavitt family representatives); Kelly Pearce, new to community

Presentation and Approval of Meeting Minutes for 5-29-2019- Jeanine
Approved: Motion – Jesse; Second -- Kathleen

Presentation and Approval of Financial Report for 8-28-2019 – Sidney
Approved: Motion – Jeanine; Second – LoAnne
Juanita Brooks Project - \$16,870.94
Checking - 940.36
Savings - 19,404.48

Business:

1. Approval of Magic Jack Renewal. George recommended we approve 3-year renewal. Motion – Kathleen; Second – Sidney
Discussion held regarding location of Magic Jack equipment. Jeanine to call Lynne Johnston to see if she has equipment or knows where it might be. Kathleen will continue receiving voice mail. George will process payment in November.
2. Renewal of domain registration due in September. Motion made to renew - Dick; Second – Jeanine

3. Charitable Solicitations Permit renewed; expires July 1, 2020. Business Entity registration renewed, and late fee paid. We need to keep tighter controls on renewal dates to avoid expirations.

4. Juanita Brooks Project – Jesse
Willa Derrick and Dana Moody reported on their efforts to invite Leavitt family to support the project; donations can be made by check and sent to WCHS PO Box, or paid through Website (credit, debit or Pay Pal); access is at Homepage. Kathleen asked Willa if she were willing to give an oral history with Kathleen Broeder interviewing her and Mike Gardner videotaping. The group will make own arrangements.
Jesse reported on his efforts to contact various groups to gain support - Chamber of Commerce (Pam Palermo); Better Days 2020; Washington County Women’s Republican Group (LaRene Cox), Color country Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (Valerie King, Regent), plus others. Jeanine obtained copy of 2019-2020 Washington County RAP Application, due September 20, 2019, and agreed to prepare draft. Dick to send copy of last application, Kathleen will provide support.
Contract has not been signed, needs to be rewritten for 1 statue. Keith to help complete.
Jesse agreed to act as Juanita Brooks Committee Chair.

5. Grafton sign grant – approve final payment; documentation submitted for total expenditures; approval given to pay balance of \$481.65. Motion – Jesse; Second – Jeanine

6. Randy Bunn Veterans Oral History Project Grant Completion – still need WCHS forms; there was a general discussion on this pass-through grant and how it works. Kathleen will review process; follow-up with Randy to complete as necessary so final payment of \$200 can be received from Utah Humanities and submitted to him.

7. Pioneer Courthouse – Jeanine reported her meetings with City and County officials in trying to reach decision on use of Pioneer Courthouse for historic events, displays, presentations, etc. She proposed to Marc Mortensen that the building be used as other historic buildings where different entities could have access with or without a tenant. The proposal is up for review

by Mayor Pike and the St. George City Council. There may be a decision by the end of September.

8. Memberships – postponed

Other:

1. Upcoming field trips - Docutah – History of Leeds 9/2/2019 – LoAnne Barnes encouraged all members to attend; discount tickets were made available.
2. Better Days 2020 – Juanita Brooks is to be nominated as an influential woman in her writings based on documents, not bias or personal views.
3. Dick to draft document to state our role as an advocate in supporting the maintenance of historic buildings by county and city. A verbal commitment has been made in the past for county to have line item in budget to maintain historic buildings, but nothing formal has been recorded. We intend to have the process formalized.
4. Doug Alder announced the new book by Reed Nielson – “James G. Bleak – 1861 to 1900 (800 pages) – Dixie Mission Recorder
5. Hurricane- Peach Days – upcoming weekend August 30, 31.
6. Question raised – how were Joshua Trees named? Does anyone have a primary source citation? (BLM interpretive signs – Beaver Dam)

Next Meeting: 9-25-2019 10:00 AM