

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
1-29-2020, 10:00 AM
Pioneer Courthouse, St. George
Minutes - Annual Meeting – Approved 2-26-2020

Welcome and Call to Order – Susan Crook, President (10:00 AM)

Introductions: Susan introduced guest Ron Klusman

Present: Roger Warren, Kathleen Broeder, Keith Cannon, Jesse Stocking, LoAnne Barnes, George Cannon, Sidney Creer, Susan Crook, Richard Kohler, Mike Harless. Guests: Frank B. Lojko, retired DSU VP of Student Affairs and Government Affairs; Ron Klusman, retired professor, Colorado School of Mines

Excused: Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Susi Nilsson

- Presentation and Approval of Meeting Minutes for 11-20-2019 – Susan
Approved: Motion – Kathleen Broeder; Second – LoAnne Barnes
- Presentation and Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of 1-29-2020 – Sidney
Checking: \$ 652.43
Savings: \$18,924.82
Juanita Brooks: \$ 9,589.44
 \$29,166.69

Approved: Motion – Jesse Stocking; Second – Kathleen Broeder

- George reported on payments for the website:
 - Website hosting for \$101.49 per year is paid up to 1/20/2021
 - wchsutah.org domain name registration of \$13.95 per year is paid up to 1/14/2021
 - wchsutah.com domain name registration of \$14.95 per year is paid up to 9/24/2020

Business:

- **Election of Officers.** Discussion preceding vote noted that no president-elect had been nominated. Board reserves the right to suspend rules on nominations, if any, to nominate and vote on a president-elect during the year so a replacement for Jesse will be ready to serve at the beginning of 2021. Sidney Creer agreed to continue serving as treasurer with Susan assisting with reports and renewals until a new treasurer is voted in. Seeing no further nominations, Susan called for a vote by raise of hands. All candidates were approved. The 2020 Executive Committee is as follows:
 - a. President – Jesse Stocking
 - b. President Elect – open
 - c. Past President – Susan Crook
 - d. Vice President – Kathleen Broeder
 - e. Secretary – Jeanine Vander Bruggen
 - f. Treasurer – Sidney Creer (on temporary basis with Susan assisting)

George will update the Governing Board webpage, <http://wchsutah.org/wchs/board.php>, with the newly elected Executive Committee members. He will also update the email addresses

accordingly for president@wchsutah.org, past-president@wchsutah.org, secretary@wchsutah.org, treasurer@wchsutah.org, and execboard@wchsutah.org. The Committee Chairs and Advisors lists still need to be brought up to date.

Jesse Stocking conducted the meeting from this point forward. He called for brief introductions since two of the guests arrived after the meeting was called to order.

- **Annual Reports.** Susan presented the 2019 Annual Activity Report that included a Financial Snapshot showing 2019 income and operating costs, and bank account and PayPal opening/closing balances and credits/debits. Motion to approve with the following corrections (underlined): 1) Completed management of the Veterans Oral History Project as the Fiscal Agent for a grant from Utah Humanities under a verbal contract with Project Manager Randy Bunn. 2) Added under heading, Social Media, WCHS Facebook page, Jesse Stocking, administrator: <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountyHistoricalSociety/>

Approved: Motion – Dick Kohler; Second – LoAnne Barnes

- a. Additional discussion followed. George questioned whether we need both a Facebook Group and a Facebook page. He also suggested we might want to do something similar on Google. Susan suggested that those involved with technology meet to coordinate who does what, and to plan for succession management of the website.
<https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonCountyHistoricalSociety>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/174941491176>
- **Juanita Brooks Project.** Jesse reported that he and Sidney have invited key Brooks family members and potential donors and their partners to the DiFiore Center event planned for February 27th. Those who have so far been asked to speak are Juanita's daughter Willa Derrick and Dana Moody's 21-year-old son Dallin. George Staheli, one of Juanita's students, was suggested as another speaker. Others to be invited and considered as speakers include Anita Hulet and her daughter Kathy Hulet; Kenneth Reber, Juanita's nephew; Carla Brooks who lives next door to the Quicksand & Cactus B&B. Jesse noted that the WCHS Facebook page has a link to the film project on Juanita Brooks that Phil Tuckett has started, but it calls for donations to his film project instead of donations to the statue project.
- George suggested our website pages for Juanita Brooks should be updated to show current status of the statue project and to better show what we know about Juanita. Given the money we are trying to raise, these pages should be really polished and professional looking.
 - a. <http://wchsutah.org/people/juanita-brooks-project.php>
 - b. <http://wchsutah.org/people/juanita-brooks.php>
 - c. <http://wchsutah.org/people/juanita-brooks-publications.php>
 - d. <http://wchsutah.org/homes/will-juanita-brooks-home.php>

Assignments:

Jesse will call Mike Gardner, 435-467-4767, to video those who speak

Jesse will get George Juanita Brooks Project updates to post on the WCHS website

Kathleen will help **Jesse** set up a Google spreadsheet to track donor data

Kathleen will request copyright permission to use the photo of Juanita as a young widow with her son that Dick found to use on the flyer. She will also remove the reference to a second statue from the flyer.

Keith and Sidney will continue to contact key family members and donors

Mike Harless (Gail Smith's cousin) and **Sidney** will coordinate on contacting Gail

- **Washington County RAP Tax.** Dick reported the \$10,000 originally approved was reduced to \$8,000 due to lower anticipated tax revenues.
- **St. George City RAP Tax.** Dick noted that the deadline to apply for RAP Tax funds from St. George City is near. We also need a written agreement with St. George City for them to provide and install the statue base.

Assignment: Dick will get St. George City RAP Tax application form, confirm deadline, and ask **Jeanine** if she will complete the application.

- **Tour Guides.** Susan was contacted by the executive director of the John Whitmer Historical Association asking if WCHS would provide tour guides the evening of Friday, September 18, 2020. They will have a buffet dinner at the Social Hall that evening during their annual conference, which is being held in St. George. After dinner they are planning to break into groups of 12-15 for a walking tour of the Opera House, Brigham Young Home, DUP Museum, and Pioneer Courthouse. They will donate to the WCHS general fund for our guide services. Susan asked the board to approve 1) providing 6-8 guides (including backups), and 2) a request for a donation of \$400, as suggested by Kathleen.

Approved: Motion – Dick Kohler; Second – Kathleen Broeder

Announcements:

- LoAnne Barnes handed out flyers announcing the Silver Reef Museum Cosmopolitan Event, Preserving our Night Sky!, to be given by Marc Deshowitz, Saturday, February 22, 2020, 10 AM.
- Ron Klusman is taking photos of sites around Washington County when he is here during the fall and winter. George is interested in posting some of them on the website. Ron provided three thumb drives with his photos for those who are interested. The files are too big to email.

The following items were tabled until the next meeting:

- Pioneer Courthouse – Jeanine
 - a. Need for Volunteers
 - b. Need brochures from organizations
 - c. Sale of Items
 - d. Schedule – February and March
 - e. Presentations – Dick Kohler and Doug Alder
- Events need to be planned through the summer – presentations and/or field trips
 - a. George suggested inviting Lee Bracken, former long-time mayor of Enterprise to speak at one of our Pioneer Courthouse lectures. Lee gave a well-organized and well-presented DASIA Brown Bag lecture and talked about little known events related to the Mountain Meadows Massacre. George will approach him about speaking at the April or May WCHS lectures.
 - b. George also mentioned Col. Al Matheson as a possible speaker.

- Audio equipment needed for Courthouse to enhance presentations – Dick to bring proposal to next Executive Committee meeting
- Need ideas for generating income for WCHS – submit to Executive Committee
 - a. Facebook for Juanita Brooks – Susie Nilsson
 - b. Charging for Listings on WCHS website - Freshome

Other:

1. 2-11-2020 at Santa Clara Historical Museum, Mike Gardner will be videoing Loretta Adams – Swiss decorative paper cutter
2. 2-15-2020 at DUP Museum, SCHM will be presenting Swiss folk customs (10:00 AM)
3. AgFest – volunteers requested (April 23-25, 3-day festival)
4. Betterdays 2020 – Women’s History
5. Jesse spotted a problem with the name of our organization in the by-laws, "The Washington County Historical of Utah" should be "The Washington County Historical Society of Utah". George asked about a legal document or filing of our by-laws, but there wasn't one for the latest revision. The by-laws on the website are it, <http://wchsutah.org/wchs/by-laws.php>. George will correct the name there. Kathleen will correct the name on the approved bylaws.

Next Meeting: February 26, 2020 – Pioneer Courthouse @ 10:00 AM