

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
3-25-2020, 10:24 AM
Pioneer Courthouse, St. George
Minutes - Approved

Welcome and Call to Order – Jesse Stocking, President

Attendees – Susan Crook, George Cannon, LoAnne Barnes, Dick Kohler, Debi Barmonde, Jesse Stocking, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Ron Klusman, Susie Nilsson

Since this was a virtual meeting, introductions were made so everyone would know who was in attendance. Because not everyone had visual feed, all were asked to identify him or herself each time they spoke. Also, Jeanine requested everyone send her notes to be incorporated in the minutes.

Presentation and Approval of Meeting Minutes for 2-26-2020 – Jeanine – motion Susan, second Kathleen – no changes made

Presentation and Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of 3-25-2020 – Debi – Motion Jeanine, Second LoAnne

Checking -	\$ 450.46
Savings -	\$18,924.82
Juanita Brooks -	<u>\$33,998.85</u>
Total -	\$53,374.13

Debi updated the Board regarding transferring data to Quick Books. Discussion held regarding donations from fundraiser (\$10,450). There was one error on the summary sheet submitted. Donation from Clark Reber was \$100, not \$1000. Debi has created a GoFundMe page for Juanita Brooks. Will activate after coronavirus threat diminishes and amount is set for request. Debi also informed Board that all Offers must be added for State Non-Profit Report.

Business:

1. Juanita Brooks Project – Jesse
 - a. Most information covered with financial report
 - b. Jesse and others have received positive feedback from Brooks family on the event; others have also expressed gratitude for the efforts put forth
 - c. Sidney Creer to be asked to send thank you not to DiFiore Center personnel for allowing fundraiser held there

2. WCHS Grant Request for Audio/Visual Equipment-Courthouse. Clarification was made on how to handle the expenses for purchasing audio/visual equipment for the courthouse. Dick has presented an estimate of costs, upon purchase, the invoice will be given to WCHS Board for approval to be paid from operating fund. Jeanine will be preparing an application for City of St. George RAP Tax under the Sons of Utah Pioneers to cover the costs along with other costs for the Courthouse. WCHS will be reimbursed as funds are approved. *(Not clear whether a motion was made to proceed in this manner – or whether one is needed. If needed, we need for the Executive Committee to approve)*
3. Courthouse – Jeanine
 - a. Courthouse is closed until further notice
 - b. Piano being donated should arrive on April 7
 - c. George suggested that since activities have been temporarily cancelled, we should have Lee Bracken give his presentation and have Mike Gardner do a video without audience. The video could be put on our YouTube channel and the WCHS website. We could advertise it as our social distancing replacement for the lecture. A discussion was held, and several issues were raised and Dick (?) to ask Lee if he would be willing to do a video himself. If not, the presentation can be given later. Lee Bracken has material that is firsthand history and has not otherwise been documented.
 - d. This discussion raised the issue of how to promote WCHS/Courthouse during this time. We need to find ways to use social media to the max. Articles have been written and we need to continue writing more. Jeanine has been working on articles for the Senior Sampler. Many are planned. Nothing definitive was brought forward; however, Debi offered to post on Facebook if someone provides her with the content.
 - e. George asks to be copied on articles to see what can be posted on website.
4. Storage of WCHS Materials at Red Cliffs building - Jesse
 - a. Red Cliffs Building to be demolished and materials need to be moved; Kim Hafen and Nicole Felshaw offered space in basement of County building; concerns raised regarding need to be escorted to get materials, and sprinklers put the materials at risk. Discussion held on alternatives.
 - b. Roger Warren will remove and take to Courthouse for temporary storage
 - c. Board held discussion on whether to keep or destroy materials
 - d. Decision made to give posters and other materials away to visitors; if at some point, no one wants them, they will be destroyedMotion – Susan, Second - Debi

Other:

1. Jesse met Peggy Childs, member of the SG Historic Preservation Commission and first president of WCHS. Has archive materials to be donated to WCHS; wants to rejoin WCHS. Discussion held on how to handle donated materials. Jesse will pick up the box of documents and deliver it to George. George will scan or copy data that would be appropriate for the website or WCHS private electronic files. George or Jesse will then take the box of files to the DSU Archives for permanent preservation.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

Next Meeting: April 29, 2020 - 10:00 AM

If we need to hold another meeting on a virtual basis, it would be good to consider the following issues

- a. There needs to be a procedure for letting only one person speak at a time and finish before being interrupted.
- b. With multiple people, there should be some way to signal the desire to speak and have the moderator call on people to speak.
- c. People need to be regularly reminded to speak more slowly and clearly than in normal conversation.
- d. There needs to be some assurance that all members of the group have the same access where everyone can be seen.
- e. A few procedures and precautions can eliminate many frustrations and possibly misunderstandings.