

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
4-29-2020, 10:00 AM
Zoom Conference Meeting
Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order – Jesse Stocking, President

Attendees – Susan Crook, George Cannon, LoAnne Barnes, Dick Kohler, Debi Barmonde, Jesse Stocking, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Sidney Creer, Susie Nilsson, Doug Alder, Kathleen Broeder, Pat Cundick

This was a virtual meeting. All were visual except for Doug Alder. Using Zoom made it much easier to see who was speaking. There was a 40-minute time constraint and the members efficiently responded to reports and limited comments.

Presentation and Approval of Meeting Minutes for 3-25-2020 – Jeanine – motion - Kathleen; second - Dick – no changes made at meeting. Changes made prior based on input from George.

Presentation and Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of 4-29-2020 – Debi –

Motion – Susie; Second - Pat

Checking - \$ 322.01

Savings - \$18,936.65

Juanita Brooks - \$34,543.85

Total - \$53,802.51

Information from PayPal has not been included. Debi will be working with George and Susan to understand procedure and include amount in future financial statements.

Business:

1. Juanita Brooks Project – Jesse

- a. Sidney Creer is preparing a list of donors; has been working on thank you notes
- b. Juanita Brooks Fundraising – Further public/event type fundraising will remain on hold until further notice. Jesse will personally follow up with select individuals in working on fundraising.
- c. Dick will prepare City RAP Tax application for \$10,000 when forms are available
- d. \$5,000 is still expected from Art Around the Corner

- e. GoFundMe page for Juanita Brooks will be activated after coronavirus threat diminishes and amount is set for request
 - f. As mentioned in the financial report, \$500 was received from Paul Brooks
2. Courthouse – Jeanine
- a. See attached report submitted prior to meeting
 - b. Jeanine participated in a conference call with groups invited to participate in a pilot program sponsored by Utah Arts and Museums. The program is entitled Vamonde, based in Chicago, Illinois. It specializes in creating digital tours specifically related to culture and history. The DUP Museum, the Pioneer Courthouse, and Arts to Zion (Silver Reef) will be working on this project.
3. Silver Reef/Leeds
- a. LoAnne Barnes sent information regarding a link to see the Docutah videos. See attached report
 - b. Pat Cundick reported that the Silver Reef Museum has been closed. The time has been used doing maintenance and cleaning. The floor has been reoiled and the jail has been cleaned up. Brochures were removed to discourage visitors from walking around; however, with the loosening of restrictions, brochures will be placed outside so visitors can enjoy the area
4. Santa Clara – Susie
- a. The museum has been closed. Planning for historic activities has been progressing; Santa Clara Gardens are up and running – the food is donated to SwitchPoint and the Food Bank
 - b. There are expectations that Swiss Days will be held in September as usual
5. Doug Alder commented that he hoped someone was documenting the effects of the pandemic on Washington County. Kathleen informed the Board about an article announcing the collection of COVID stories in Utah and recommended that there be one collection point. She forwarded the following link:
<https://www.deseret.com/utah/2020/4/13/21219611/university-of-utah-marriott-library-utah-experience-covid-19-pandemic-coronavirus>
Kathleen then gave an update on the direction given by the State regarding restrictions to the Covid-19 virus. While there will be many returning to activities, it is being recommended that the high-risk population still stay at home as much as possible. Salons can be open, but masks will be worn. As restaurants are opened, social distancing will be required. Hotels will need to make necessary accommodations to ensure protections.
6. George has been continually updating the website. A page has been created for the Covid-19 Pandemic (when sending pandemic history to the State, also please

CC George), event information has been revised, and he responds to requests that are received from patrons. He needs everyone's support in sending updated information and to review pages to see if changes need to be made

7. Website/Social Media Update – put on hold

8. Virtual Tour – Dick

a. Dick proposed we set up a virtual tour, going in cars, with a handout. He was thinking of going to Shem and looping around Gunlock and Veyo. The Board was receptive, but no decision was made. Dick is willing to plan

9. Jesse announced he has a new camera.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM

Next Meeting-. May 27, 2020 – 10:00 AM. Decision not made whether it will be virtual or at Courthouse. As we get closer to the time, members will be informed.

Pioneer Courthouse Update – 29 April 2020 – submitted by Jeanine

The Courthouse has been closed since March 16 and has not been scheduled for reopening. Programs have been cancelled through May and none have been scheduled beyond that date.

The piano mentioned last month was not delivered. The current owners decided not to make the trip at the last minute. Should they decide to reschedule to come to southern Utah, I will be contacted.

A display case was donated by the Pioneer Museum and has been placed in the Arts to Zion room.

All materials previously stored at the Desert Reserve building have been relocated to the courthouse. Progress is being made on setting them up to be given to visitors.

It would be wonderful to be open again by the end of May (maybe Memorial Day weekend). Much will depend upon volunteers available. Contact has not been made soliciting their support since no date has been established to reopen. It would also be wonderful if we could be open for extended hours – 11 to 3, Monday, Friday, and Saturday. Again, it will depend upon the availability of volunteers.

No decision has been made on holding programs during the summer. The last I heard, Historic St. George Live has been cancelled for the summer, so they will not be coming to the Courthouse.

Way Finding signs have been placed by the City. The one in front of the Courthouse states the Courthouse is an Information Center. I have not heard back from the City about the possibility of having that changed.

Need some input from WCHS Board members regarding interest in helping with Courthouse and thoughts about hours and days open.

Fw: Meeting WCHS

Wed, Apr 29, 2020 9:54 am

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: LoAnne Barnes <loanneljl@yahoo.com>
To: WCHS <distribution@wchsutah.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020, 09:33:04 AM MDT
Subject: Meeting WCHS

Update from Leeds & Silver Reef.

I have forwarded to you all a link to see the DOCUTAH videos that are being streamed. There are four and the month of May will feature "A Town for All Season, the Story of Leeds".

The Museum is closed but we are fortunate that our Treasure Andrew Peterson has obtained a payroll extension loan from Zion Bank to keep Bobbi employed. We now have a new roof on the jail, and we have refinished the Museum's old wooden floors - thanks to several Board members & volunteers. We are looking forward to the time when we can open and continue our Cosmo Events.

LoAnne

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: video about Leeds film
Date: Fri, 16 Aug 2019 08:44:04 -0700
From: Della Lowe <della@docutahfilms.com>
To: loanneljl@yahoo.com

Hi LoAnne - We did two videos for community television but the most recent has a lot of info about Leeds. The link below goes directly to it on YouTube. Both videos are also embedded directly on the home page of the Docutah website under the banner. docutah.com. I'm trying to get the files as well if you wanted to run them on a screen at the museum.

July 26, 2019 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWlwLt0NKbk>

I can also share the Google folder with you which has the trailer for the film. IT is a heavy file so; Unfortunately, I cannot attach it to an email. Let me know if you want that and I can share it.