

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

5-27-2020, 10:00 AM

Pioneer Courthouse/Zoom

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, Susie Nilsson, Doug Alder, Kathleen Broeder (Zoom), Pat Cundick, Doug Alder, Pat Hadley, Danielle Larkin (St. George City Councilwoman)(Zoom); Bobbi Wan-Kier (Zoom), Frank Lojko



Social Distancing in Practice

- Acknowledgement of Danielle Larkin and expression of appreciation for her interest in learning more about the Washington County Historical Society. Danielle is the City Liaison to Historical groups. Danielle has strong ties to southern Utah. She is a descendant of Erastus Snow. Gray Larkin was mayor when the Historic Society Preservation Commission was started.
- Reintroduction of Frank Lojko as newest member of the WCHS. Frank’s many years of experience working with Dixie State to obtain funding for major projects will greatly enhance the ability of WCHS to move forward with its goals.
- Statement was made by Jesse Stocking reiterating his need to restrict his usage of email and typing. He will rely more on telephone contacts and requests the support of Board members.
- Presentation and Approval of Meeting Minutes for -4-29-2020 – Jeanine – Motion - Susan; second - Doug – no changes made
- Presentation and Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of 5-27-2020 – Debi – Motion – Jeanine; Second – Pat Hadley

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| Checking -     | \$ 272.06          |
| Pay Pal -      | \$ 281.74          |
| Savings -      | \$18,940.54        |
| Juanita Brooks | <u>\$35,598.85</u> |
| Total -        | \$55,093.19        |

- Business/Committees
1. Executive Committee Meeting held 5-26-2020; Committee working on developing a Strategic Plan; went through an exercise to identify Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats; follow-up meetings will be scheduled.
  2. Juanita Brooks Project – Jesse
    - a. There has been some great success. Additional donations received with more pending.
    - b. Committee meeting to be set to determine disbursements of funds to artist.
  3. Meeting with Peggy Childs
    - a. Visit with Peggy Childs resulted in donation of WCHS materials to be processed and archived; Peggy chooses to remain on the St. George Preservation Commission and not split her time on other activities.
  4. Silver Reef
    - a. Members of Silver Reef Board to have meeting on 5-28 to confirm opening of Museum and finalizing protocols for opening the first week of June.
    - b. Bobbi is working on developing a video (biographies) telling the story of the ghost of Tom Forrest and the murder of Michael Carbis. She is hoping to use the talents of Mike Gardner. There is a display in the basement of the Courthouse that tells this story. It is a wonderful connection.
  5. Courthouse – Jeanine
    - a. Courthouse is scheduled to open Monday, June 1
    - b. Volunteers have been contacted and most days are covered; adjustments will be made as necessary
    - c. The WCHS Display room needs to be refreshed for the opening; several items were removed – the maquette was returned to the artist; the racks were relocated to the hall so materials could be easily accessed to give to visitors. The posters/books/cards/tapes/CDs that were in storage were brought to the Museum and they have been organized so they can be distributed as a means of promoting the courthouse.
    - d. It was brought up that a kiosk will be available in the Courthouse to access various historical websites. Frank mentioned that computers may be available through Dixie State. Jeanine is to provide specifications to Frank.
  6. Leeds
    - a. June 7 is the last day for streaming the History of Leeds on Docutah. There are DVDs available (one is in the Courthouse for viewing).
  7. Santa Clara – Susie
    - a. The museum still closed, but will reopen shortly. Santa Clara Gardens going well; first food stand is operating

8. Website/Social Media

- a. Work will be done in refreshing our website to retain all the valuable material available and to better capture the attention of a using audience. Debi, Susan, and George have been consulting with UNA (Utah Nonprofit Association) Technical person, Michael Gburski. To have a full review would cost approximately \$17,000. Other options are being reviewed.
- b. Debi will be leading the marketing/publicity/social media activities of the WCHS.
- c. We need to make use of social media for all activities.

9. Offer of Cabinets for Sale from DASIA

- a. DASIA is closing its operations at BLM office. Ken Sizemore has notified various groups of the cabinets that are available for sale. Several Board Members went to review the cabinets. Frank took photos and they have been submitted to a few members who expressed interest.

10. Materials from Nisson Family

- a. Pat Cundick mentioned a collection of photos and other documents donated by Eric and Michelle Fleming from the estate of Antone and Cornelia Nisson. They are currently being scanned by George for the website after which he will consult with LoAnne (who got them from Eric) and Pat C. on what their next use should be.

11. When to hold next meeting

- a. Discussion held regarding whether to hold Board meetings during the summer. It was agreed that meetings would continue monthly.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00

Next Meeting-. June 24, 2020 – 10:00 AM.

