

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

6-24-2020, 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, Kathleen Broeder (Zoom), Pat Cundick, Pat Hadley, Bobbi Wan-Kier, Frank Lojko, Loren Webb, Sidney Creer, Mike Harless

- Presentation and Approval of Meeting Minutes for -5-27-2020 – Jeanine – Motion - Susan; second - Debi– no changes made

- Presentation and Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of 6-24-2020 – Debi – Motion – LoAnne; Second – Pat Cundick

Checking - \$ 277.58

Pay Pal - \$ 281.74

Savings - \$18,944.56

Juanita Brooks \$45,698.85

Total - \$65,202.73

Infowest Payment paid personally by Debi; to be reimbursed by WCHS.

- Business/Committees

1. Nomination of Loren Webb as Vice President by Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Second by George Cannon. Kathleen Broeder to fill position of President-Elect through 2020. Loren told a little about his background. He has been a paying member of the WCHS every year since 2012 and has participated in our activities when he could, though his job in Las Vegas prevented a lot of activity. He is now retired and has already volunteered to help at the Courthouse on a regular basis.
2. Executive Committee Meeting held 6-11 and 6-19-2020 to continue developing a Strategic Plan; Kathleen reviewed the short-term goals with the Board and named committee chairs.
  - a. Juanita Brooks Committee – Loanne Barnes, Frank Lojko, Sidney Creer, Pat Cundick to be responsible for Event Planning; Bobbi Wan-kier to oversee publicity. Jesse to set up meeting within the next week with Annette Everett to determine status of statue and timing of payment and completion
  - b. Courthouse – Jeanine to chair; Loren Webb to be WCHS representative; Dick Kohler to help schedule lectures.

- c. Founding Day – Jeanine reported meeting with Michelle Graves to discuss possibility of WCHS supporting Founding Day in January; proposal needs to be prepared and submitted to the City. Jeanine will oversee preparing a proposal. Susan will assist with the collaborative efforts.
  - d. Communication – Debi to be chair. Oversee branding and social media
3. Courthouse – Jeanine
- a. Courthouse has been opened since June 1; number of visitors has been slowly increasing
  - b. There is a good group of volunteers; a few more are needed
  - c. The kiosk has not been set up yet; waiting for receipt of computers requested through Frank Lojko
  - d. Frank has submitted a request to Dixie State for surplus computers. He has also written a grant to the Sorenson Foundation requesting funds for operations funding for the Courthouse and for a 75” TV monitor. In addition, a grant has been submitted to Wal-Mart for additional computers.
  - e. Bookcase received from DASIA filled with memorabilia/records; has been placed in WCHS display room; Jeanine is scanning documents; narratives from Bart Anderson lectures have been found and scanned.
4. Jeanine reported she found out on Monday that the date for submitting St. George RAP Tax applications closed on June 12. None in our group were notified. \*
5. Silver Reef
- a. Silver Reef Museum has opened. Number of attendees has been good. They are using online registration
  - b. Bobbi again mentioned she is working on developing a video (biographies) telling the story of the ghost of Tom Forrest and the murder of Michael Carbis.
6. Leeds
- a. LoAnne talked about doing a survey of stone fences in Leeds. George asked if they were going to include brush fences (there are some unique ones in Leeds).
7. Tithing House
- a. Nothing new to report; still working on landscaping and hoping to create a museum; there have been lots of visitors.
8. Hurricane Museum
- a. Jesse visited the museum and met with Phyllis Lawton who oversees the museum; he has invited them to join our Board. Information about the Museum can be found on WCHS website.
9. Website/Social Media
- a. The branding development using Social media and the website has been put on hold. The 13-year development of the website is proceeding at full speed.
10. Mike Harless raised the question regarding the State Historic Preservation Commission wanting to know if there has been any follow-up. Apparently there has been none.

11. George brought up the following items at the end of the meeting. This should reinforce his comments:

- a. There has been a lot of activity on the website. He suggested people look at recent photos on our photos list, starting about WCHS-04155.

<https://wchsutah.org/photos/photos.php>

- b. He said that we should probably wait to talk about the John & Barbara Graf house until Susie Nilsson is available, but he would like to have it noted in the minutes that we have that house on our radar.

<https://wchsutah.org/homes/john-barbara-graf-home.php>

Brad Westwood of Utah State History brought the subject up again after a recent visit and there has been some discussion on the web with various people. There was a bit of discussion in the meeting about its status and who should be involved in preserving it. Susie checked with the Frei family who owns the house and found they would like to see it preserved. Susan pointed out that this has been desired for a long time with nothing being done. But maybe this would be the time to give it another shot.

- c. George told about Silver Reef and his being approached by Kim Coburn from the Utah Division of Mines about cooperating with them in the closure of the Pay Master Mine (now part of the Apex Mine complex).

<https://wchsutah.org/mining/pay-master-mine.php>

<https://wchsutah.org/mining/apex-mine.php>

They are interested in mitigation of the cultural resources that are going to be lost. He told them that for his part, he would like to preserve photos, histories, and other documents on our website. They also need to decide whether physical things there should be preserved in some way. Glen Zumwalt (a mine expert involved with Silver Reef) and George will be participating in a teleconference on the subject with representatives of the mine owners, State Division of Mines people, archaeologists, and a SHPO person. Kim has said she would like to work with me on getting a lot of information she has on mines and mining in Washington County up on our website.

<https://wchsutah.org/mining/mining.php>

\*following the meeting, the deadline for RAP tax application was verified; contact was made with Danielle Larkin and Michelle Graves and the suggestion was made for the grants to be written and submitted by the next morning. Three grant applications were written and submitted – Arts to Zion; WCHS; DUP. Jesse and Dick attended the Art Commission meeting at

7:30 AM. Later that morning, we were notified that our applications would be included with all others submitted. A decision on recipients will be made on July 2.

Meeting adjourned at 11.45 AM

Next Meeting-. July 29, 2020 – 10:00 AM.