



Washington County Historical Society
Board Meeting July 29, 2020
Wednesday, 10:00 AM– Pioneer Courthouse
Minutes - Approved

Attendees: Doug Alder, LoAnne Barnes, Kathleen Broeder, George Cannon, Keith Cannon, Sidney Creer, Susan Crook, Patricia Cundick, Patricia Hadley, Mike Harless, Frank Lojko, Richard Kohler, Jesse Stocking, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Loren Webb, John Linton (new), Steve Nelson (new), Mike Tate (new)
Zoom was not available for Danielle Larkin or Bobbi Wan-kier
Absent: Debi Barmonde

Welcome and Call to Order – Jesse Stocking

Susan explained the general structure of the WCHS Board Meetings for the benefit of those who were new.

Welcome/Introductions – Because we had several visitors, everyone gave a quick introduction

Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 24, 2020 – Jeanine

Moved to Approve: Susan Crook Seconded: Doug Alder

Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of July 29, 2020 – Jesse

Moved to Approve: Jeanine Seconded: Pat Cundick

\$100 was received from David Nuffer. It was not known if this was a donation to Juanita Brooks, or to the Society. No payments were made during the month.

Account Balances:

Savings:	\$18,948.45
Checking:	277.58
Juanita Brooks:	45,698.85
PayPal:	<u>379.24</u>
Total:	\$65,304.12

Following the meeting last month, City RAP Tax Applications were submitted for Washington County Historical Society, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, and Arts to

Zions. Each group was awarded money to be used in projects to support the Pioneer Courthouse. With the cooperation of Danielle Larkin, and the presence of Dick Kohler and Jesse Stocking at the Arts Commission, the needs of our groups were acknowledged.

Business:

1. Replace Pat Cundick as Publicity Chair – Jesse
Pat agreed to continue writing promotional materials, but requested assistance in posting to various entities. Possibly Loren and/or Debi could assist. A request was made for a list of what has been done in the past in using the media effectively.
2. Add Frank Lojko as Vice President over Development; add to Executive Committee
Frank Lojko will serve as Vice President over Development and will be an active member of the Executive Committee
3. Report on Juanita Brooks Project – Jesse
 - a. Jesse reported that \$57,000 was in the bank and \$5,000 is yet to come. The goal is \$65,000.
 - b. A proposal needs to be written to the city for approval of a site to place the statue. Doug and/or Frank were asked to help with this.
 - c. Installation is on hold until the community unrest settles.
 - d. With the installation on hold, we need to be certain we fulfill our obligation regarding funds received from Washington County RAP Tax. There is possibly an extension of time for use of funds, but the extension needs to be verified. Dick Kohler offered to check with the County.

Discussions/Reports:

1. Code of Ethics - the Executive Committee is working to determine the need for a Code of Ethics and what would be included; a follow-up meeting is needed, but has not been scheduled.
2. Official Public Representation of WCHS
 - a. There was a discussion about making sure we all make clear when we speak to outside parties whether we are speaking only for ourselves or as representatives of the WCHS. It has been recognized with the various news articles being published, that there needs to be an official representative for WCHS; statements made by individuals need to be clear whether they

are personal opinions or the position of the WCHS. No procedures are in place. If a request for comment is made, it should be reviewed with the Executive Committee before responding.

b. Mike Harless Washington City Historical Society –

- i. Mike Harless reviewed the process used by Washington City Historical Society in response to the demand to remove the Robert Dockery Covington Statue. Society determined the need to find out facts and to promote the facts. A committee was formed to respond to the demand and the results of research were submitted to the City Council.
- ii. It was suggested a press packet (fact sheet) be distributed to the media. Packet would be sponsored by WCHS after obtaining input from various entities.
- iii. Motion was made to form a special review committee to meet and resolve issues. No official approval voted; however, a proposed committee was called: Mike Harless, Loren Webb, Doug Alder, Dick Kohler, George Cannon. Susan Crook and Kathleen Broeder would be available to assist. The committee will create an objective process that clearly states the position to be taken and the conclusions reached.
- iv. The question was raised – How are statues considered by National Register. Also, what are key responsibilities of Historical Societies regarding buildings, artifacts and statues. Susan agreed to check
- v. Loren noted that about 25 years ago he saw an Atlanta Constitution article that compared Utah's Dixie to the South. The article entitled "Way Out West in Dixie," was written by Keith Graham and published in The Atlanta Journal/The Atlanta Constitution on Sunday, February 26, 1989. There was also a sidebar story called "Students Get a Taste of Fort Lauderdale in St. George," also written by Keith Graham.

3. Partner organizations/museums/societies – postponed discussion

4. Richard Whitehead report regarding two new statues – Daniel D. McArthur and David H. Cannon - Richard Whitehead was not in attendance. Jesse reported that Richard has helped with the Juanita Brooks Committee and was instrumental in obtaining a \$10,000 donation.

Other:

1. Susan proposed an article be written on what can be learned from Juanita Brooks prior to unveiling her statue.
2. Washington County Fair is holding its opening parade on Tuesday, August 4, at 7:00 in Washington City. Those interested in participating can contact Mike Harless, 702-409-0519. Jesse showed the group a photo of the banner that is being made to represent Washington County Historical Society. The banner will either be carried in the parade or will be attached to a vehicle. The vehicle is yet to be determined. The Board agreed to the purchase of the banners. The cost will be approximately \$114.00.
3. Leeds/LoAnne Barnes – had no new information to report
4. Tithing House/Pat Hadley – no new information
5. Silver Reef/Pat Cundick – reported that the stamp mill for Gold Strike could not be found. Pat had talked about Glen Zumwalt working with Kim Coburn of the Utah Division of Mines. George Cannon and Glen have been invited to an August 4 virtual meeting to talk about Apex Paymaster Mitigation Planning. dealing with what to salvage as related to closing the old Paymaster Mine in the Apex Mine Complex. Glen had been getting information from Kim Coburn about some equipment out near the Gold Strike. Glen and some others went out looking on 4-wheelers earlier in July. They had the site coordinates but searched in vain. They even wondered if the current owners of the company/land had moved it. George has been working with Kim Coburn to get information about Washington County mines for the WCHS website. Go to:
(<https://wchsutah.org/mining/mining2.jpg> and <https://wchsutah.org/mining/mining.php>)
6. Staheli Farms/Mike Tate – large event held on Friday, July 24 to celebrate Pioneer Day; Mike Tate operates Staheli Farms, a family-owned farm in continuous operation since 1898.
7. John Linton has been in the business of making films and videos. He has published a book “Vermillion Cliffs”, available on Amazon.
8. Steve Nelson is an interested community member and wants to support WCHS.

Next Meeting: August 26, 2020 10:00 AM - Courthouse