



Washington County Historical Society
Board Meeting August 26, 2020
Wednesday, 10:00 AM– Pioneer Courthouse
Minutes - Approved

Attendees: Doug Alder, Debi Barmonde, LoAnne Barnes, George Cannon, Sidney Creer, Susan Crook, Mike Harless, Frank Lojko, Richard Kohler, Susannah Nilsson, Jesse Stocking, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Loren Webb

Welcome and Call to Order – Jesse Stocking

Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 29, 2020 – Jeanine

Moved to Approve: Susan Crook *Seconded:* Debi Barmonde

Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of August 26, 2020 – Debi

Moved to Approve: Jeanine *Seconded:* LoAnne

Funds have been received and deposited from Sorensen Foundation - \$7,399.00. \$4800.00 is for operating expenses of the Pioneer Courthouse; Jeanine asked that a separate account be set up to keep an accurate record of expenses for reporting purposes. The balance of the funds is to be used for the purchase of audio/visual equipment in the Pioneer Courthouse.

Funds from the St. George City RAP Tax Grant have been approved, but not yet received.

Discussion was held to approve individual expenditures. All invoices \$100 and over are to be approved by the Board. Expenditures less than \$100 are to be approved by the Executive Board.

- a. Monthly Infowest bills are approved as standing bills – not to exceed \$49.95 per month. *Motion to Approve:* Jeanine; *Seconded:* Lo Anne
- b. Approval was requested for the expenditure of \$111.00 for two banners: one for the exhibit room in the Courthouse and one for any other activity.

Motion to Approve: Debi *Seconded:* Jeanine

Account Balances:

Savings:	\$18,948.45
Checking:	7,726.73
JB Project	45,698.85
PayPal	<u>364.29</u>
Total:	\$72,538.32

Business:

1. Frank Lojko was officially nominated by Susan Crook as Vice President over Development; Debi Barmonde seconded the motion and the Board approved. His name is to be added to the Executive Committee
2. Kathleen Broeder gave her resignation from the Board. She is a life member of WCHS and will continue to support the WCHS when she can. An appreciation card was circulated for comments and signatures. The WCHS Board webpage will be updated by George. The routing of WCHS phone calls will be transferred to Jesse Stocking. No discussion took place to nominate a replacement for Kathleen

Discussions/Reports:

3. Susie Nilsson was asked if she would report on Santa Clara. Museum is still closed. The glockenspiel will ring each hour, Frei's market is open, Swiss Days has been cancelled.
4. Update on Juanita Brooks Project, including status of site – Jesse, Doug, Dick
The unveiling of the Juanita Brooks statue has been postponed. Jeanine recommended that the activity take place in March. March is Women's Celebration month and it is the time the Daughters of American Revolution intend to honor Juanita Brooks. The DAR would like to make it a joint effort. The DAR asked if a plaque was going to be prepared naming the donors of the statue. They would like to donate and be recognized. No decision was made at this meeting regarding the date of unveiling or the preparation of a plaque. The JB Project Committee will meet to discuss; Susan Crook will work with Doug Alder in preparing any articles to be submitted to promote these activities. Committee will work to reach an agreement with the City on site location of the statues and costs of installation.
5. There was a discussion regarding plaques and markers throughout Washington County. Links to that and other related information about markers, monuments, and plaques in Washington County can be found on the WCHS website at <http://wchsutah.org/miscellaneous/markers.php>. The DUP listing shown has all markers and monuments in Washington County, by community.
6. Status of Washington County RAP Tax funds; when must they be paid? – Dick
The Washington County RAP Tax Report Form is due on December 4, 2020. There was a question about an extension for spending the funds. *Spending can be extended if the funds are to be spent on something other than the original plan due to Covid-19. WCHS will work on spending the money before December, and Jeanine will prepare the report.

7. Dick Kohler announced the Washington County Rap Tax Application for this upcoming year is due on September 25, 2020. No decision was made regarding a proposed project.
8. Report on grants submitted – Frank Lojko
As mentioned in the financial report, \$7,399 has been received from the Sorensen Foundation. The grant application submitted to Wal-Mart is still being processed.
9. Proposal to support City of St. George with Heritage Days in January.
As part of the WCHS Strategic Plan, one activity to be supported by WCHS is to be involved with the City of St. George in promoting Heritage Days in January. Jeanine asked the WCHS Board to be on the committee to determine whether it is willing to participate and if so, to what extent. A motion was made by Mike Harless to be part of this project. It was seconded by Debi. A committee meeting will be scheduled. *September 9 has been set for the meeting at 10:00 AM.
Jeanine also suggested that this would be an excellent opportunity to promote the unveiling of the Juanita Brooks statue, and a good time to refresh the WCHS Exhibit at the Courthouse.
10. Report on 7/24 Parade participation and placement of banner in Courthouse
Jesse reported on the parade and the excitement felt in the crowd. He was able to use the new banner created for WCHS.
11. Washington City Update – There was a mention of the new Boilers Park in Washington being open. That is of interest because WCHS was heavily involved in the Boilers controversy a few years ago.
12. George asked regarding the status of the John and Barbara Graf home, <http://wchsutah.org/homes/jon-barbara-graf-home.php>. Nothing has happened recently with it. Susie pointed out that this last storm may have contributed to additional degradation. The family would like to see the building restored, but does not have any funding. George volunteered to set up an e-mail group for those with an interest in that preservation project.
13. There was some discussion about Native American history not receiving as much attention as it deserves. Mike Harless said the Washington City Museum has some money to set up a Native American history room and they are working on that.
Jessee pointed out that the Hurricane Museum already has a Native American display.
14. Leeds Update – no report
15. Silver Reef Update – Stamp Mill – no report

16. Tithing House Update – no report

17. Pioneer Courthouse Update

Jeanine mentioned that the attendance is slowly increasing. The core volunteer group is very dependable. There is a new display celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment. A large tour is scheduled to visit on Tuesday, September 2. Historic St. George Live characters are being scheduled for Saturdays through December.

18. The Cornfest in Enterprise is this upcoming Saturday – August 29.

19. Debi, Loren and Mike will continue work on a Press Release statement to have available for all to use if necessary. It will be completed within the next 3 weeks.

21. Pat Cundick prepared a report on public relations contacts she has used. She is looking for help in promoting activities.

22. As always, George is continuing to work on the WCHS website at full speed. George has asked everyone to be mindful of historical documents obtained and to send them to him to be posted on the website. He mentioned a recent contribution from the Sons of Utah Pioneers regarding the history of Hurricane Stake – <https://wchsutah.org/churches/stake-hurricane1>.

Next Meeting: September 30, 2020 10:00 AM - Courthouse