



Washington County Historical Society
Annual Board Meeting January 27, 2021
Wednesday, 10:00 AM– Pioneer Courthouse (in Person)
Minutes –Approved 2-24-2021

In Attendance: Jess Stocking, Susan Crook, LoAnne Barnes, Patricia Cundick, Loren Webb, Doug Alder, Keith Cannon, George Cannon, Susannah Nilsson, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Sidney Creer

Welcome and Call to Order – Jesse Stocking

- I. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2020 – Jeanine
Moved to Approve: Susan Crook *Seconded: Pat Cundick*
Unanimous Approval
- II. Current Business - Votes by existing Board Members
 1. Approval of Revised Bylaws – Discussion to remove Section 4 of Article VII
Pat Cundick asked the question about Objective (1) “advocate as a non-profit entity with governments and organizations to benefit the local historical community” in connection to Article VII (4) which states “No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation in, or intervene in...any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.” Susan Crook argued that the Society can do a certain amount of advocacy, and that is a difference between lobbying and advocating. A motion was made to remove Article VII (4) from the proposed Bylaws.
Moved to Approve: Doug Alder *Seconded: Loren Webb*
Unanimous Approval
 2. Approval of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation – Distributed summaries
Moved to Approve: Susan Crook *Seconded: Keith Cannon*
Unanimous Approval
 3. Approve Annual Report – Jesse – Report given on accomplishments during 2020.
Moved to Approve: Susan Crook *Seconded: Pat Cundick*
Unanimous Approval
 4. Approve Financial Report – Susan
Moved to Approve: Jeanine Vander Bruggen *Seconded: LoAnne Barnes*

Unanimous Approval

5. Approve Proposed Budget – Susan – Discussion held for clarification.
 - a. WCHS
 - b. Juanita Brooks
 - c. Pioneer Courthouse

Pat Cundick raised the question regarding the relationship between the Pioneer Courthouse and the Historical Society. Jeanine Vander Bruggen explained that the WCHS had previously agreed to support the operations of the Courthouse which would serve as a hub for WCHS-related programs and events. She noted that the City of St. George owns the building and is responsible for the primary maintenance of the building. Originally, the Courthouse operations were conducted on a temporary basis until approval was reached at the end of September that WCHS could remain in the Courthouse. Jeanine explained that the operations of the Courthouse are through a committee composed of representatives from the WCHS, Arts to Zion, Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum and Sons of Utah Pioneers. The committee is responsible for the day-to-day operations, and makes recommendations to the WCHS Board as other committees.

Doug Alder commented on the improvements to the Courthouse. Jeanine said it has been a challenging year having to deal with COVID. The City has been supportive of the current arrangements, but she stated she is working to have a liaison between the City and the Pioneer Courthouse. The Courthouse Committee would also like to be involved with Washington County officials. “If we don’t use this building to teach our history as a point of reference, we have missed a lot,” Vander Bruggen said.

Moved to Approve: Susan Crook

Seconded: Keith Cannon

Unanimous Approval for all three

6. Calendar for Meetings – Jeanine

Calendar distributed for Executive Committee dates; highlighted upcoming events that could potentially involve WCHS Activities. Vote not necessary.

- III. New Business – Voted by Members in attendance

1. Vote for Board Members - six names were nominated to serve as Board of Directors for 2021. A call for additional nominees was made. There were no other names given. WCHS members voted unanimously for the following to serve as Board Members:

Loren Webb; Jesse Stocking; Keith Cannon – Selected as Chairperson
Susan Crook; Jeanine Vander Bruggen; Pat Cundick

2. Appointment of Executive Officers by Board
 - a. President – Loren Webb
 - b. Vice President – Sidney Creer
 - c. Secretary – Jeanine Vander Bruggen
 - d. Treasurer – Susan Crook
3. Appointment of Committee Chairs by Executive Officers
 - (1) Pioneer Courthouse – Jeanine Vander Bruggen
 - (2) Website – George Cannon
 - (3) Special Projects – Jesse Stocking
 - (4) Publicity/Promotion/Community Outreach - unfilled
 - (5) Membership/Fundraising – unfilled

Susannah Nilsson volunteered to support activities related to publicity, promotion, membership, fundraising, etc. She had to leave meeting before she was asked whether she would consider serving as a Committee Chair. She will be contacted.

Committee Chairs will be responsible for creating their own committees to accomplish tasks. Reports will be given at Executive Committee Meetings.
4. Other
 - a. Keith Cannon agreed to become involved with the Chamber of Commerce by being the Chamber liaison. E-mails from the Chamber will be routed to Keith via chamber@wchsutah.org.
 - b. Loren Webb reported he and Jeanine Vander Bruggen met with Commissioner Dean Cox to document the history of the County Buildings. George requested that the histories be provided to the website. We have (or should have) webpages for each building with a history. For example, <https://wchstuah.org/buildings/washco-admin-building.php>. The website is the proper place to retain those histories.
 - c. Doug Alder raised issue regarding Greg Prince and the creation of a second Juanita Brooks statue at Dixie State University. Doug emphasized the need to carefully coordinate with the statue to be placed at the Academy. Jesse stated that in a conversation with Frank Lojko, having two statues of the same person might be difficult to promote. Doug's comments will be taken under advisement as the Juanita Brooks statue project progresses. If there were to be two statues, they would need to be cast at the same time, requiring sufficient funding to be available.
 - d. Susan Crook stated the need for a qualified bookkeeper to help with WCHS accounting. With the addition of the Pioneer Courthouse and other projects and the need to write grants for funding, a better system for recording income and expenses is needed. Susan accepted the Treasurer's position until a qualified

replacement could be named who could recommend and oversee a new accounting system.

- e. To help the Society better track and connect with its members, Susan Crook noted that a team of members of the WCHS are beginning work on a monthly newsletter. This is greatly needed to help with publicity/promotion/community outreach efforts. The current committee consists of Susan, Loren Webb and Allison McCord.
- f. With the installation of a new mayor, Michelle Randall, it was suggested the mayor and other city officials be given a tour of the Pioneer Courthouse. The Pioneer Courthouse Committee intends to name a person to serve as liaison to the City.

Next Meeting – Executive Committee (Executive Officers and Committee Chairs)
February 24, 2021 10:00 AM, Pioneer Courthouse

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