

APPROVED
Washington County Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 1 p.m.
Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum Meeting Room

Board members present: George Cannon, Chad Bennion, Ian Crowe, Richard Kohler, Teresa Orton, Maureen Parks, Jesse Stocking and Loren Webb.

Board member Brad Bennett was not present, but listened in by phone.

Ian Crowe welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Motion was made by Teresa Orton and seconded by Chad Bennion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2024 Washington County Historical Society Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Financial report. George Cannon said the beginning and ending balance on the Savings account wasn't correct with interest earned. Teresa Orton said she would correct that and resend the report to the Board. Teresa noted that on the year to date Budget vs Actual report, we are down by seven percent. Of three grants the Society has budgeted for, Teresa applied for a St. George City RAP Tax grant but has not heard back from the city, the other two grants include a Washington County RAP Tax grant for \$6,000 and a Utah Humanities grant application for \$1,200. As Treasurer, she said she has not received a copy of either grant application from Board member Richard Kohler who applied for the last two grants. She said Richard told the board previously that he received \$1,000 from Utah Humanities. During today's meeting, Richard said he recently got a \$5,000 check from Washington County Commissioner Gil Almquist for the \$6,000 grant, which he gave to Teresa to deposit. Regarding the Utah Humanities grant, Richard said he has not heard back from Utah Humanities official Caitlin McDonald, despite several inquiries over a three month period. Loren Webb suggested Richard email copy Caitlin's boss, along with the Society Board to help bring about a prompt response from Caitlin McDonald. Motion was made by Richard Kohler and seconded by Jesse Stocking to accept the financial report with corrections. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. Teresa suggested having each board member develop a list of projects they would want to apply for grants and bring to the next Board meeting.. Board members agreed to do that.
4. Teresa Orton reported that she has not received a response to her attempts to contact Austin Pickett about getting an invoice for his services. George Cannon will try to contact him. George has Justin LeClair working on a list of updates to the legacy website that will likely need more than the 20 hours we have authorized. But we will see how far he can get and then reevaluate. The next task on the list would be to develop a proposal for a prototype/demonstration of what the next generation website might look like. George would like to find a person or persons who will be around longer than students and who could eventually take over management and operation of the WCHS website.
5. Jesse Stocking reported on a meeting with Richard Whitehead regarding Richard's proposed David and Wilhelmina Cannon Seago Lily statue project. He said Richard had a

different impression on what he thought was the Society's commitment to the statue project. He said Richard was under the impression the Society would need to give \$60,000 to \$70,000 within the next 60 days and if that didn't happen, he would need to look elsewhere for a lead sponsor. Jesse helped Richard understand that the Society would not be able to gather that amount of funds in 60 days, Richard said he would not be asking the Society to be the lead sponsor on the Sego Lily statue project. Jesse said the Society would still like to help on the statue project, and he will ask Richard Whitehead to come to the Society's Community meeting on June 26.

6. Teresa asked Jesse Stocking if he had sent out invitations to Teresa and Maureen Parks to also serve as joint administrators on the WCHS Facebook site. Jesse said he has not done that but will work on that.
7. Maureen reported that the WCHS newsletter is going out Thursday, June 20. The next newsletter will come out Sept. 21. Several items to add to the newsletter were discussed and Maureen said if they were given to her that day she would put them in. It was decided that no advertising for businesses would be in the newsletter.
8. Loren Webb reported he is still planning to hold a different St. George Downtown Historic District walking tour on each Saturday in October. The Ancestor Square Block tour will be led by Loren Webb; the Town Square Block tour will be led by Jim McArthur; the Pioneer Square Block tour will be led by Bruce Pickett; and Susan Crook is tentatively scheduled to lead the Green Gate Village Block tour. Loren said he had not heard from Bruce Pickett during 3 revisions to the tour schedule. Loren said he would check with Susan to see if she is still planning to lead her tour.
9. Loren Webb said he is leading a Sons of Utah Pioneers field trip on Saturday, to the Thomas Terry Heritage Park, to the Jefferson Hunt monument, to the Old Spanish Historic Trail sign on Bench Road, and to the Holt Dairy in Newcastle. He said he has also been invited to attend the Pine Valley Heritage Days at the Pine Valley Heritage Center (formerly Work Center) on July 19.

Motion was made by Teresa Orton to adjourn, seconded by Loren Webb. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

The next WCHS Community meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26 at 10 a.m. at the DUP Museum.