

APPROVED

Washington County Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024, 10 AM

Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum Meeting Room

Board members present: Brad Bennett, Chad Bennion, George Cannon, Ian Crowe, Teresa Orton, Jesse Stocking, Loren Webb.

Board members excused: Richard Kohler

Others present: Alan Anderson, Washington County Library Director

1. George reported that Board member Richard Kohler, who suffered a stroke, is making slight improvements but still can't communicate. He will require long term rehabilitation. A discussion was held regarding appointing an acting board member. It was decided to approach Linda Shogren, former Board member. This would be a temporary position until Dick returns or his term ends on January 31, 2026.
2. Due to concerns over some corrections in the draft 9-25-24 WCHS Board meeting minutes, Teresa Orton asked that the minutes be tabled for further review and put on the agenda for the next Board meeting. Matter was tabled.
3. Reporting on the WCHS financial report, Treasurer Teresa Orton said a grant application has been submitted to St George City RAP Tax for \$7,000. The grant includes \$2,000 for the Society's oral history program and \$5000 for the Cannon Statue project. A letter of intent has been written to the Eccles Family Foundation to ask for funds for the David and Wilhelmina Cannon statue project. No word has been received on that application. Motion was made by Brad Bennett and seconded by Chad Bennion to approve the financial report. Motion was unanimously approved.
4. George reported he would like Justin LeClair, who has been contracted by the Society to work on the WCHS website, to work on WordPress issues as well as on the legacy part of the website. We would like to find projects and funding to keep Justin active and involved so that he can be a resource and a backup to George until we can find a permanent replacement for George. Eventually, George would like to see a centralized county repository of digital historical information.
5. Chad Bennion, chair of the Lynn Clark Photo Collection steering committee, said committee member Maureen Park has put together a draft mission statement that includes Lynn Clark's written will requirements for the photo collection. A major goal is to find a permanent location for storing the collection. The steering committee, consisting of Chad Bennion, Teresa Orton, Maureen Parks and Loren Webb, is meeting every two weeks. It was suggested the LCPC committee be listed on the WCHS community agenda during its Oct. 30 meeting. It was suggested that a member of the Clark Family serve on the LCPC Committee. The steering committee will keep the WCHS Board apprised of the progress of the project and we want to make sure the family retains appropriate rights to the

collection.

6. Jesse Stocking said it has been announced a large parcel of ground near 3000 East by Lin's Marketplace will open for 31 office buildings, including restaurants, office buildings and a movie theater.
7. Chad Bennion and Teresa Orton mentioned that significant changes have been made in the draft Society bylaws. All board members were asked to closely review the bylaws and return with their recommended changes to the next board meeting.
8. Loren Webb reported there is increasing local interest in the four St. George Historic District walking tours scheduled in October. The tours include: Ancestor Square Block tour led by Loren Webb and the Town Square Block tour led by Tom McArthur, which are set for Saturday, Oct. 12 at 10 a.m. The next tour is the Pioneer Courthouse Block tour led by Bruce Pickett on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 10 a.m. and the Green Gate Village Block tour at 10 a.m. led by Susan Crook. Loren advertised the events on many distribution lists in the County. He also received permission to have flyers placed at the Family History Center in St. George, the Santa Clara Museum and the Washington City Museum. He also contacted local businesses in four blocks of the historic district seeking donated items for Swag bags to give out to tour participants.
9. Ian Crowe reported Utah Tech University has pushed back on the Society's ability to access the Bart Anderson photo and text collection. Ian maintains the Society has legal rights to access the collection.
10. Teresa Orton reminded everyone that board elections are coming up in January. Nominees must come from a Board member. The following Board member terms are ending on January 31, 2025:
 - a. Ian Crowe
 - b. Teresa Orton
 - c. Loren Webb
 - d. Brad Bennett
 - e. George Cannon

Brad Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Loren Webb. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 10 a.m.