

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Executive Committee Meeting – March 31, 2021  
10:00 AM – Pioneer Courthouse  
Minutes - Approved

Attendees:

George Cannon, Keith Cannon, Sidney Creer, Susan Crook, Jesse Stocking, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Loren Webb, Sharee Webb

Excused: Susannah Nilsson

Welcome and Call to Order – Loren Webb

- I. Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2021 – Jeanine Vander Bruggen  
*Moved to Approve: Susan Crook Secoded: Sidney Creer*
- II. Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of March 26, 2021 – Susan Crook  
*Moved to Approve: Keith Cannon Secoded: Jeanine Vander Bruggen*
- III. Updates:
  - a. Liability Insurance – Susan  
General Liability Policy has been received and insurance has been paid in full. We are still waiting for Directors' and Officers' Liability Policy.
  - b. Walking Tours – Susan  
A review of the upcoming walking tours was made. The next tour is 4-10-2021. Both Ancestor Square and Green Gate Village tours will be conducted. The Ancestor Square Tour will make up for the postponed tour last month due to snow. The list of people who signed-up for the earlier tour have been notified of new date. Promotional material has been prepared for Green Gate Village and being submitted to media. Lynn Cobb and Susan Crook will lead the tour. They will meet at the corner of Zion Bank. The Ancestor Square Tour will be led by Brooks Pace, Loren Webb, and Allison McCord. They will meet at the Pioneer Courthouse to begin.  
In discussing conversations with other potential tour leaders, Kim Campbell and Brooks Pace have commented that they may be retiring from the Historic Preservation Commission.
  - c. Community Contacts – Sidney  
Sidney has been successful in contacting each community except for a couple needing the name of a contact person. She mailed letters on 3-25-2021 and she has received a positive response from the Mayor of Springdale. There was some discussion on how to meet with these representatives outside a regular Executive Committee Meeting. No definitive decision was made regarding date, time or

place. It was suggested that a quarterly meeting be held so community historical society leaders could be invited to meet one another and to share ideas.

d. Upcoming Scheduled Events – Jeanine

Jeanine reviewed the upcoming events scheduled for the Pioneer Courthouse and other locations.

1. 4/1 – Doug Alder Lecture

a. Sign-ups – 19 sign-ups were received.

b. Help with sound system and Zoom is needed. Jesse agreed to support Zoom.

c. Doug was interviewed to be part of a new video featuring John Macfarlane and Father Scanlon – Silver Reef

2. 4/10 – Walking Tour – see Susan Crook report

3. 4/27 – Musical Program – Name of group has not been determined.

4. 5/6 – Loren Webb Lecture – promotional materials will begin after the April 27 event.

5. 5/8 – Walking Tour – no details given.

6. 5/18 – NEW event – Kathleen Broeder will be presenting her new book – Images of America – St. George, including a book signing. The date was confirmed at this meeting. The Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP) arranged for this event to be held at the Pioneer Courthouse.

7. 5/25 – Musical Program – Name of group has not been determined.

e. Grant for Hysterical Histories – David Dudley

David came early to the Pioneer Courthouse and received the first half of the \$1000 WCHS grant to begin his project. He did not stay for the meeting, stating it would be better to return for another meeting when he had some concrete material to share with the group.

f. Adobe House Project – Jeanine Vander Bruggen

Jeanine provided some background on the Jones Adobe House located near the St. George Art Museum. Angie Mason of the City of St. George called to say the WCHS, as owners of the Adobe House, was responsible for the cleaning and upkeep of the building. Jeanine investigated the situation by contacting Elaine Alder, responsible for the renovation of the site of the house, and Bob Nicholson, who was a member of WCHS at the time (1996). It was determined that the WCHS does not own the building, but instead, the City of St. George is the owner. WCHS would be willing to help clean the interior; however, there is no key. Jeanine reported to the City that WCHS would provide support cleaning the interior once a key was provided. Bob Nicholson offered his services in cleaning, as did others, including personnel at the Art Museum. To date, no further information has come from the City.

## g. Committee Chair Reports

### 1. Pioneer Courthouse – Jeanine

#### a. Washington County Fair

The Pioneer Courthouse Committee has been invited to have an historical display at the Washington County Fair, April 14 through April 17. Materials are being gathered and volunteers are being solicited. This request is a result of the Courthouse use of the Lynne Clark Collection photos on display. Other groups making up the Pioneer Courthouse Committee have been asked to provide promotional materials to distribute at the Fair. Upcoming events sponsored by the Committee, including WCHS, are being created to have available.

#### b. Carpeting

New carpeting for the basement of the Pioneer Courthouse was scheduled to be installed on March 30. However, the binding had not been completed, and the installation has been rescheduled. Much of the carpeting is being donated by Schumacher Discount Carpeting. The cost is being paid through a Washington County RAP Tax Grant processed through the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

#### c. Grants

The Pioneer Courthouse is funded through grants. The WCHS received approval for funds for two grants. The final reports are due April 30 to the City of St. George. These grants were for \$3200 (written by WCHS), and \$2500 (written by DUP). These grants allowed us to obtain display materials and computers with software and supporting equipment. A new City of St. George RAP tax application is due on April 15, and is being prepared.

Jesse Stocking was asked to report on his contact with Frank Lojko about receiving support in writing future grants. Frank was responsible for obtaining the Sorensen Foundation Grant of \$7399 last year. New funding needs to be obtained. Jesse reported that Frank is willing to support WCHS, but no definite request was made. Jeanine will work with Frank to start the process.

Susan stated that grants should not be our only source of revenue. The WCHS needs to show its ability to raise funds from membership and other activities.

#### d. Donation of Spinning Wheel

Sandy Sandberg, a local weaver, donated a spinning wheel to the Pioneer Courthouse along with some sample materials – wool, cotton, flax. She offered additional materials to help set up a display for interactive learning. Jeanine will visit Sandy's studio to see what is

available. This will be a great way to teach about the growth of cotton by early settlers.

e. DAR Chapter meeting held – honoring Juanita Brooks.

The Daughters of the American Revolution held their March chapter meeting at the Pioneer Courthouse. This provided an opportunity to take members on a tour of the building. Two volunteers came to assist with the tours. At the meeting, Jeanine provided a PowerPoint presentation honoring early Southern Utah women and their sacrifices and achievements under adverse conditions. The presentation ended with a tribute to Juanita Brooks. A certificate of recognition was given to her daughter Willa, and granddaughter, Dana Moody. A writeup about Juanita was provided to the newspaper, reported in the DAR newsletter, locally and nationally. The DAR has been a strong supporter of the Pioneer Courthouse.

2. Website/Social Media – George

There is an ongoing need for support with the Website. Help with the Distribution activities and calendar is necessary to lighten the current load to maintain the website. Jeanine will ask Tracey O’Kelley if she has additional time to assist.

3. Special Projects – Jesse

a. Letter to donors – Jesse reported that no letters have been sent to the donors providing an update. Thank you letters are up to date.

b. Location of statue – the location of the statue has not been made official. Jesse has been in frequent contact with parties involved.

4. Publicity/Promotion/Community Outreach – Susannah

Susannah was not in attendance; however, she submitted a list of suggestions for activities. She had also arranged for David Dudley to come to the meeting to receive a partial payment towards the project to create a series of “Hysterical Histories.”

5. Membership/Fundraising - Sharee

a. Lifetime members and contact information

Sharee reported she has been working updating the contact information for lifetime members. She had not seen the list sent to Keith Cannon who had agreed to review the list to see if he could find additional information. Jeanine agreed to send Sharee the list with the information she had gathered.

IV. Other

a. Financial Planning – Susan

Susan explained the financial planning process. There is still a need to make adjustments between accounts to clearly separate grants and other activities. QuickBooks has been installed and connected to bank accounts.

1. Renewal of Utah Division of Corporations and Commercial Code - Done
2. Update of WCHS Officers on Utah Division of Corporations and Commercial Codes - Done

b. Annual Reports – 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

There is no record of Annual Reports having been prepared for the above years. This is to serve as a reminder that an Annual Report is needed each year for the Annual Meeting.

c. Event Coordinator – Jeanine

Jeanine reminded members of the Committee that there is a need for an individual to be responsible to coordinate all activities. Suggestions for names are needed. None have been received to date.

d. Discussion of Schedule for Future Events

Planning needs to take place to decide on what future events will be held. Many suggestions have been made in the past, but no definite action has been taken to arrange for speakers, set up walking tours, promote driving tours, etc. A meeting needs to be held to specifically develop plan. No date was set.

1. Lectures

- a. Kathleen Broeder has new book – event has been scheduled for 5-18

2. Music

3. Walking Tours (outside St. George) – Susannah Nilsson

4. Driving Tours

e. Request for help in restoring pioneer home – Terry Hardison – Leeds

Terry Hardison is looking for suggestions on how to begin the process of restoring a pioneer home he owns in Leeds. He has been given the name of LoAnne Barnes as a contact person.

f. Andrew Taylor – requesting support for project to preserve the final yards of the old wagon trail leading to St. George.

The property in question is owned by the City of St. George and Andrew Taylor has been contacted to take his request to the City.

g. Meeting of Historic Preservation Commission 3-31 – Lynne Clark Photo Collection

The Historic Preservation Commission had the Lynne Clark Photo Collection on its agenda. The group was asked if they had any information. No one was aware of any issues. Jeanine was signed-up to watch zoom meeting. (Jeanine was unable to log in due to conflicts; however, she has asked for a copy of the minutes when they are available.)

h. Joseph Merino – Guest of Sidney Creer

Sidney invited her friend Joseph Merino to attend the meeting so we could learn about him and his deep love for history. He has been involved with Rockville bridge and gravesites.

- i. A discussion was held about how to handle requests/questions that come up with individuals/groups wanting support in different projects. If the project is not clearly within the mission of WCHS, we can refer the requests to members who might be able to help them because of background and experience without making a commitment to WCHS. Susan offered to make a list of local, state and national organizations that can be given to others to help them with their projects.
- j. Brown Bag Lectures – Keith Cannon  
Keith mentioned he has held discussion with BLM regarding holding Brown Bag events at the Pioneer Courthouse. These are in primarily stages, and no decision can be made without consultation with the Pioneer Courthouse Committee.
- k. A mailing list through Mailchimp is still being developed. All promotional materials are encouraging the public to sign-up for events. Options are being offered such as Sign-up Genius using QR Codes. Zoom connections are being provided, as well as YouTube videos.

Next Meeting – Executive Committee (Executive Officers and Committee Chairs)  
April 28, 2021 10:00 AM, Pioneer Courthouse

Questions? Contact Jeanine Vander Bruggen 435-574-0307; [garyvb44@aol.com](mailto:garyvb44@aol.com)

Addendum to March 31, 2021 WCHS Minutes:

- III-d-6: Note the information page mentioned in III-g-6 below.
- III-f: There is a page for the Jones Adobe on our website:  
<https://wchsutah.org/homes/jones-adobe-home.php>
- III-g-2:
  - We are trying to set up information pages for all the Dixie history books that we can. As an example, there is now one for Kathleen Broeder's new book, <https://wchsutah.org/documents/broeder-aldrich-book.php>  
Others can be found in the Books section of our Documents webpage, <https://wchsutah.org/documents/documents.php#books>
  - Deceased lifetime members have been removed from the general membership list on the website and put on a separate page, <https://wchsutah.org/wchs/members-deceased.php>  
Clicking on a deceased member's name will bring up their obituary if it is available. Please let George know of any obituaries found.
- III-g-5-a: See III-g-2 above.