



Washington County Historical Society
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 30, 2021
10:00 AM– Pioneer Courthouse
Approved Minutes

Attended

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

Absent

Susannah Nilsson, Sharee Webb

Visitors

Joseph Collet, Todd Prince

Welcome and Call to Order – Loren Webb

- I. Approval of Meeting Minutes (including Addendum A and B minutes) for May 26, 2021 – Loren.
Moved to Approve with corrections: Jesse Stocking *Seconded:* Jeanine Vander Bruggen
- II. Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of June 30, 2021 – Susan
Correction was noted that \$75.00 was for Solicitation Permit, not Website Hosting.
Susan to send corrected report.
Moved to Approve: Sidney Creer *Seconded:* Jesse Stocking
- III. Updates:
 - a. Community Contacts/Field Trips – Sidney
Dates pending for field trips/community walking tours.
 - b. Committee Chair Reports
 1. Pioneer Courthouse – Jeanine
 - a) Upcoming Events
 - 7/1 – Courthouse open 11-3
 - 7/1 – 8/31 – Historic St. George Live Tours – at Courthouse Thursday, Friday and Saturday
 - 7/1 – 7/5 – Arts to Zion Tour – featured artist Kimberly Jackson at Courthouse; music on Saturday 7/3 by Desert Pulse – Steve Stay
 - 7/1 – change of display from Cannon Family to Carter Family
 - 7/10 – Native Flute Circle will use Courthouse monthly – 2nd Saturdays 3 to 5.
 - 7/17 – Shootout – to be held monthly – 3rd Saturdays.

2. Website/social media – George.
 - a. George mentioned that the Website/Social Media Committee should be split into two committees (that should coordinate with each other) since he is not involved with what is happening with social media.
 - b. An Ad in Senior Sampler for Website Assistant did not produce any responses.
 - c. George has been in contact with Tracey O’Kelly about assisting with the website. She is willing to help and will probably be a good contributor; George is working on giving her assignments.
 - d. George will contact Greg Arnold in Washington City about his involvement with the website to clarify his willingness and ability to assist with the website. Greg is qualified and would be a good emergency backup for George.
 - e. Pat Cundick stated that Silver Reef is redoing its website, having received funds from the Washington County RAP Tax Grant. She suggested requesting City/County RAP tax funds (which WCHS has pending).
 - f. Jeanine Vander Bruggen reminded that there is a pending grant for funds to redesign the website. The amount has not been determined nor the date available. Efforts to redesign the website need to be coordinated with available funds.

3. Special Projects – Jesse

Much progress has been made with the placement of the Juanita Brooks statue. The City of St. George is developing a statue garden and Juanita’s statue, along with others will be clustered on Washington County School District property. The statue is 75% completed. It should reach 100 percent in two to four weeks. After final WCHS approval, it will go to the foundry. Possible installation in November?

4. Publicity/Promotion/Community Outreach – Susannah

Susannah was absent due to pending surgery. It was announced the July Newsletter is ready for distribution on July 1st.

5. Membership/Fundraising - Sharee
 - a) Status of 9/30 fundraiser – Sharee was absent. It was brought up the need for a committee to begin planning the details of the fundraiser. Much has been done in reserving a location and determining the menu;

however, details of who to invite, and how to reach the public as well as planning a program, etc. is necessary for effective promotion. Jesse Stocking committed to contacting Travis Seegmiller to be a speaker during the fundraiser dinner.

c. Other

1. Update on proposed History of Washington County lesson plan in Washington County School District – 7th grade – Loren/Jesse
Loren mentioned he still hasn't heard back from the Washington County School District as to when the lesson plan might be approved. The 7th grade lesson has been pre-approved.
2. Update on School District field trips to Pioneer Courthouse/DUP – 4th grade - Loren, Jeanine
Loren has developed a plan for 4th and 7th grade field trips for classes to tour the Pioneer Courthouse and the DUP Museum. Response from the School District is pending. The application was sent to Amy Christiansen of the Washington County School District for her review.
3. Request to conduct a paranormal investigation of Pioneer Courthouse by Todd Prince, Southern Utah Paranormal, Washington County Chapter, St. George, Utah.

Todd Prince presented his request to perform a paranormal investigation of the Pioneer Courthouse. He will work with Jeanine Vander Bruggen to set up details. Upon conclusion, WCHS will be given information on programs available and digital copies of any information gathered. This effort will be performed by a team of 3 and will take 3 to 4 hours – probably in the evening. There is much interest in ghost stories, and a few pioneer homes have the reputation of being haunted. The Orpha Morris home is one of them. Also, there are stories of the St. George Cemetery being haunted. Some planning has begun to have a “ghost” program in October to be sponsored by the Pioneer Courthouse.

A motion was made by Susan Crook to have this investigation conducted. Seconded by Loren Webb. Approved

4. Report by George on the Apex Mine Paymaster Headframe closure virtual tour by State Div. of Oil, Gas and Mining from Thursday, June 24, 2021

Apex Mine project discussed. WCHS involvement is unclear. Discussion resulted in reminding members we need to be realistic in taking on assignments/projects. Visitor Joe Collet suggested he would be a possible helper with the website. He also is willing to help with the Apex Project.

5. Strategic Planning Meeting 6/17/2021 – no discussion
6. St. George City RAP Tax Grant - informal report has been given that the RAP Tax Grant request has been approved, but the amount is not known.
7. New St. George Historic Preservation Planning Commission- Jeanine Vander Bruggen attended the St. George Historic Preservation Commission Meeting on June 16. The new members are: Bette Arial (Chair), Rick Atkin, Bob Nicholson, Allen Carter, and Scott Messel
8. Loren Webb and Doug Alder visited the county Library Archives and the DSU Archives after the last Executive Committee Meeting to see about coordinating activities with them and restocking their supply of WCHS business cards.
9. Rice Bank Building at Silver Reef
Pat Cundick reported that Silver Reef will be having oversight of the Rice Bank Building
10. Richard Joseph Collet introduced himself to the group and joined WCHS. His contact information is:
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Joe requested a list of members/officers.

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

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