



## Washington County Historical Society

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

10:00 AM– Pioneer Courthouse

Approved Minutes

### Attended

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

### Welcome and Call to Order – Loren Webb

- I. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2021 – Jeanine  
*Moved to Approve:* Susan Crook *Seconded:* Keith Cannon
- II. Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of August 25, 2021 – Susan  
*Moved to Approve:* Jesse Stocking *Seconded:* Keith Cannon
- III. New Business
  - a. Brainstorm ideas for specific research projects to propose to Washington County Commissioners.  
Rather than conduct a brainstorming session, this was an opportunity to request Committee Members to suggest research projects that can be supported by WCHS with potential funding from the County Commissioners. A meeting has been scheduled for October 4, 2021 @ 2:30 with the Commissioners to request ongoing support for WCHS and its desire to preserve the history of our County. Committee members were asked to submit proposals for specific projects by the next Committee Meeting. A RAP Tax Application has been submitted to cover projects for the current year. The funding request is for future years to eliminate the need for using RAP Tax funds for research projects.
- IV. Updates:
  - a. Community Contacts/Field Trips – Sidney  
Sidney reviewed her meetings with Chuck Hardy of La Verkin and Rich Levin of Springdale. Field Trips have been scheduled for September 11 (La Verkin) and October 23 (Springdale). Flyers have been prepared and will be included in the September Newsletter. It was suggested Sign-Up Genius be used to record attendees.
  - b. Committee Chair Reports
    1. Pioneer Courthouse – Jeanine  
See attachment
    2. Website/social media – George
      - a. Susan and George reported that the three basic expenses to maintain the WCHS website are now automatically charged to the WCHS debit

card that comes out of the WCHS checking account. These charges are just over \$100 per year for website hosting, just under \$15 per year for [wchsutah.org](http://wchsutah.org) name registration, and just under \$15 per year for [wchsutah.com](http://wchsutah.com) name registration.

b. George reported that the three landing site webpages have been upgraded from the old 4-quadrant format to a more modern format and have been made mobile friendly. Jeanine requested George change the "Pioneer Courthouse Project" label to just "Pioneer Courthouse" and he will do that.

c. Other website improvements are being made gradually and additions to the county history database website are being made constantly. We could really use more volunteers to work on gathering and refining county history data. George expressed hope that any history research funded or otherwise sponsored by the WCHS would include a requirement that it result in a product in a form that could be added to and preserved in the county history data base.

3. Special Projects – Jesse

Life size Clay Model Shipping Status & Plaque Development" – Report

a. Tony Brooks has reported that Willa approves the statue. The current timeline for completion:

1 month delay due to shipping

Has arrived at Foundry

90 days to finish

Suggested we plan for January erection/dedication – St. George Anniversary

b. Estimated Costs for 18x20 Plaque - \$1200 to \$1400 (once ordered, will take approximately one week)

c. Committee needs to start determining costs for program

d. Concrete base to be provided by City of St. George

e. \$100 post provided by City of St. George

4. Publicity/Promotion/Community Outreach – Susannah

a. David Dudley has submitted his script for "How to Settle an Unsettling Place". Copies were given to a few of the Committee Members to review and offer comments to ensure accuracy of history represented

b. Fundraising dinner flyers have been prepared. WCHS Board members have been asked to take 10 to their neighbors to invite to event. Eventbrite must be used to purchase tickets. It was suggested that Board members purchase 10 tickets in advance and then sell/invite.

c. It was suggested that Elaine Alder be contacted to prepare Public Service Announcements for the radio to promote the event.

5. Membership/Fundraising - Sharee  
Status of 9/30 fundraiser  
There will be no formal program. Travis Seegmiller and family will offer a tour of the facility. Displays will be set up to represent the history of the area to include items from the Pioneer Courthouse and Juanita Brooks Statue projects. Period costumes will be worn by some.
6. Walking Tours – Susan
  - a. Walking Tours will be conducted during the month of December rather than each month to avoid conflicts with other activities, such as the field trips. This will also enhance our ability to collaborate with merchants in the historic district during the holiday season. Discussions are being planned to coordinate efforts with carolers, lighting, activities, etc.
  - b. Susan visited the Field Study store in Green Gate Village and showed the Committee the custom-designed bags and tissues used when selling products.
- c. Other
  1. Washington County RAP Tax Application – Submitted August 26, 2021, for \$5,000.
  2. School Projects – Update  
Projects have been approved – teachers notified of availability of WCHS to present history of area to 7<sup>th</sup> graders. 4<sup>th</sup> graders are being offered tours of the DUP Museum and Pioneer Courthouse
  3. Membership vs. Donors  
This topic will be discussed at an Officers’ Meeting prior to the next Executive Committee meeting to reach a decision and to ensure Bylaws comply with decision
  4. Juanita Brooks Plaque  
Doug Alder, Jesse Stocking, and Keith Cannon are working on the wording for the Juanita Brooks plaque
  5. Interfaith Council Interviews  
Loren Webb reported he presented a formal request to the St. George Interfaith Council on Friday, Aug. 20 to see how many members of the Council would be willing to have either Loren or WCHS member Jesse Stocking (also a member of the Interfaith Council) conduct an oral interview to learn the history of their faith. The Community Education Channel at Dixie State University has offered to conduct videotaped interviews at their studios. The interviews would then be transcribed. Interviewees would be given the choice to have the digitized interview stored at either DSU Special Collections and Archives or the Washington County Library Special Collections and Archives or at both facilities.

Next Meeting – Executive Committee (Executive Officers and Committee Chairs)  
September 29, 2021, 10:00 AM, Pioneer Courthouse

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Attachments:

#### PIONEER COURTHOUSE REPORT – AUGUST 2021

1. Special Tours Schedules – FoodieFood to begin 9-7. 9-14. 9-17 – start at Courthouse, end at Museum
2. Historic St. George Live season to end 8-27-2021 – special tours scheduled for 8-23, 8-27, 8-31, 9-13 (approximately 150 visitors)
3. Ironman 70.3 schedule for Courthouse set – open Monday through Saturday 11 to 3
4. Mayor Michele Randall recommended City sponsor new Gift Shop in Courthouse; \$5000 to be received by 8-27; logo designed – t-shirts and hats have been ordered (100 each), a few books will be available, several other items are being accumulated for sale; Square up available for credit card payments
5. WCHS to receive National Daughters of American Revolution Historic Preservation Recognition Award at the September 14, DAR Monthly Chapter Meeting. There will be a special display in the Courtroom all week recognizing Constitution Week.
6. DAR is sponsoring a “Bell Ringing” on September 17 at 2:00 PM to celebration Constitution Day. Mayor Randall will be leading the program on the steps of the Courthouse.
7. Development of instruction packet for Courthouse guides is near completion
8. Grant submitted for \$7500 to Sorenson Foundation for operating costs of Courthouse
9. Grant application for Washington County RAP Tax to be submitted this week – requesting \$5000 (\$2,000 for Courthouse hands-on activities, \$3,000 for research projects for WCHS)
10. October 1 – Courthouse will be open 5 days a week – 11 to 3 (closed on Wednesday and Sunday) – still need a couple of volunteers
11. Shootout held 8-21-2021; future dates approved for 10-16 and 11-20; permit received on 8-16-2021; group requesting a December date

12.\$350 donation for Pioneer Courthouse received from Doug and Elaine Alder.