



Washington County Historical Society
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
10:00 AM– Pioneer Courthouse
Approved Minutes

Attended: George Cannon, Keith Cannon, Sidney Creer, Susan Crook, Jesse Stocking, Loren Webb, Sharee Webb

Excused: Susannah Nilsson, Jeanine Vander Bruggen

Welcome and Call to Order – Loren Webb

- I. Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 29, 2021– Loren
Loren presented several additions/corrections to the draft minutes which were approved.
Moved to Approve: Susan Crook Seconded: Keith Cannon

- II. Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of October 2021 – Susan
Susan Crook presented the WCHS Financial Report for Sept. 24 through Oct. 26, 2021. She pointed out that reserve funds are down to \$15,384.68. Susan also included a financial report for the WCHS fundraiser dinner donations that were received from the Sept. 30 dinner. She said Eventbrite sent the check to WCHS at 97 East St. George Boulevard. When Susan Crook could not locate the funds, she contacted Sharee Webb who was about to make out a check to the Historical Society when Jeanine VanderBruggen contacted Susan to tell her that the check went to a mailbox at the Pioneer Courthouse, only periodically checked; so, the money was accounted for.
Susan said that at the Executive Officers meeting held Oct. 13, it was the common assessment that the fundraiser event did not raise a lot of money, so we need to think about how to raise funds for the Historical Society in the future.
Susan thanked everyone on the Executive Committee who recruited people to attend the fundraiser dinner. She also thanked Loren and Sharee for donating their payment for the cost of the city permit for the Hela Seegmiller Barn, and thanked Sharee’s cooking and table set-up crew.
Moved to Approve: Jesse Stocking Seconded: Sharee Webb

- III. New Business
 - a. Membership with HistoricFunding.com

Susan reported that the cost to subscribe to HistoricFunding.com would be between \$75 and \$85 annually. She also noted that there are several benefits to belonging to the WCHS. One benefit would be that members can apply for a WCHS grant without a cash match. Because the Pioneer Courthouse is closed on Wednesdays, it could be open on that day for members only to receive member expertise on research and writing.

No action taken.

b. Change in Membership Fees

Susan mentioned that the Executive Officers recommended raising WCHS membership fees from \$15 to \$25, effective Jan. 21 with annual renewal by July 24 (Pioneer Day). At that meeting, it was also discussed to hold leadership training meetings to train future WCHS officers.

No action taken

IV. Updates:

a. Community Contacts/Field Trips – Sidney

Sidney Creer reported she had a home accident that prompted her to cancel the Saturday, Oct. 23 field trip to Springdale. She apologized to the board for the cancelation. Board members responded that accidents happen, and it is not a problem to reschedule the field trip. There was an issue in how best to notify every one of the cancelation.

No date given for reschedule.

Loren Webb suggested Sidney also contact Lorraine Jones, Pilot Peak Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum Docent, who expressed interest in having the WCHS come to Enterprise for a historic sites field trip that could also include the Enterprise Reservoir, Terry's Ranch, the ghost town of Hebron and the Barlocker turkey plant.

b. Meeting with Washington County Commissioners October 4, 2021

Loren Webb mentioned that himself, Susan Crook, George Cannon and Jeanine VanderBruggen met with the County Commission on Oct. 4 to discuss the need for improvements to the WCHS's website, and soliciting County support. The County is looking to redo its website and possibly the WCHS would link to that website. WCHS is also asking for a line item to help cover the cost of maintaining the WCHS website.

Commissioner Victor Iverson was present, Commissioner Gil Almquist joined by speaker because of a cold and Commissioner Adam Snow arrived about 40 minutes later. Also in attendance were Nicholle Felshaw and Susan Lewis. Susan Crook said a written agreement will be needed after a decision is made regarding any agreement we reach with the county. There will be a need for considerable discussion to move this activity along. At present no meetings have been scheduled. Jeanine submitted the names of WCHS Board Members, and a list of potential projects envisioned by WCHS for website enhancements to those in attendance.

c. Committee Chair Reports

- i. Pioneer Courthouse – Jeanine (excused)
- ii. Website/social media – George

George said several people have contacted him with information to contribute to the website. He has also been contacted by a descendant of Orson Adams to possibly help with the website.

He also mentioned that he had accepted a request to serve on the new Washington City Historic Preservation Commission which will be chaired by Washington City Historic Society President Mike Harless. George's primary purpose will be to help capture their histories on the website. Both Washington City and New Harmony historic societies are working on creating their own websites which will interface with the Washington County Historical Society website.

George said Michael Gburski, a website consultant, has been retained to help with website technical issues on an as-needed basis. Mike has met with the website committee to share ideas for the present and future. And he is starting to become familiar with the website which should be helpful in our future evolution. Gburski strongly recommends the WCHS website include Privacy Policy, Terms of Service, and possibly Disclaimer sections for legal purposes. He estimated it would cost about \$120 to set up the template and \$99 per year thereafter to maintain. This is a board-level function. Steps would include:

- i. Review an article Mike provided to understand the issues.
- ii. Mike can help us set up a template and update subscription.
- iii. Have the directors and officers review the draft to determine and modifications that are needed.
- iv. And then have a competent attorney do a final review.

Loren Webb suggested that we could contact attorney Alan Boyack who has reviewed prior WCHS documents to see if he would do the work pro bono.

No assignments given.

d. Special Projects – Jesse

Jesse Stocking reported he has been working with the foundry, with sculptor Annette Everett, with the city, and with Kenworthy Signs and Star Signs on the Juanita Brooks statue project.

Loren Webb suggested he might also want to contact Utah Monument Company for a possible third bid.

Jesse stated that the Juanita Brooks statue is completed as of Oct. 26. He and Special Projects member Keith Cannon both recommended that the general board go with a ½ inch thick plaque instead of a ¼ inch thick plaque, similar to the Daniel D. McArthur plaque because it looks more professional.

No decision was made.

e. Publicity/Promotion/Community Outreach – Susannah (excused)

f. Membership/Fundraising - Sharee

Sharee Webb reported that the Sept. 30 dinner was awesome how it came together and that everyone who attended seemed to enjoy the meal as well as the atmosphere.

g. Walking Tours – Susan

Susan Crook reported that the upcoming downtown historic district walking tour would be held Wednesday, Dec. 15. Four different tours will be held that day (10A, 11A, 1P and 2P). She will contact Adam Snow's father to see if he would be willing to serve as one of the tour guides.

Loren Webb said Dan McArthur has confirmed to be a Town Square walking tour guide. Webb is waiting to hear from Jim McArthur and Bruce Pickett. Jim has previously helped lead the Town Square tour and Bruce Pickett had previously agreed to help with the Pioneer Courthouse block tour. Susan said she and Lynn Cobb would be able to lead the Green Gate Village tour.

h. Other

- i. Loren Webb noted that Marilyn Hanson of RedRock Media asked if anyone from the WCHS might be willing to help serve as docents or profilers at a planned Christmas celebration at Green Gate Village. Board members suggested that Hanson contact Jeanine Vander Bruggen who is in charge of volunteers at the Pioneer Courthouse to see if any volunteers would be willing to also serve as volunteers at the Green Gate Village during that time period.

- ii. Loren Webb also said he had received an email from a Dixie State University student wanting to help local businesses edit documents. The board suggested they needed more information on whether the student was asking to assist with Word or video documents before the WCHS could commit to any assistance.
No assignment given.

Next Meeting – Executive Committee (Executive Officers and Committee Chairs) December 1, 2021, at 10:00 AM

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