



Washington County Historical Society

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

10:00 AM– Pioneer Courthouse

Approved Minutes

Attending:

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

Welcome and Call to Order – Loren Webb

- I. Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2021, 2021 – Jeanine
Moved to Approve: Susan Crook *Seconded:* Sidney Creer
- II. Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of November 2021 – Susan
Moved to Approve: Jeanine Vander Bruggen *Seconded:* Doug Alder
- III. New Business
 - a. Sponsorship of Washington County Interfaith Oral History Project
Loren (and Jesse) talked about their project on oral histories in cooperation with the Interfaith Council. They are providing those histories to the County Library Special Collections and the DSU Archives. George pointed out that those histories should also be put on the WCHS website. Links to the histories would appear on an index and on the pages for people of historical interest and on pages for the history of the various churches.
There is no anticipated cost to this project, other than time, as the Community Education Channel (CEC) has agreed to video tape the interviews. Also, at this point, Susan Mower has volunteered to transcribe the histories. The Interfaith Council members will be approached, and as time permits, other groups will be solicited. An official project policy needs to be created. Release forms need to be obtained from each participant.

b. Annual Budget Review

Susan led discussion on Annual Budget Review worksheets submitted to Executive Committee members. Budget will be approved at Annual Meeting 1-26-2022.

c. Meeting with Community Leaders January 26 at 7:00 PM

Sidney verified the date for the Community Leaders meeting on January 26, 2022, at 7:00 PM. She will be preparing an invitation for leaders of Historical groups in the various communities in Washington County. This will be an attempt to get input on how Washington County Historical Society can help the various organizations, and to get agreements on holding tours of their communities.

d. Approval of change in membership fee

There was a discussion on membership. A motion passed raising the annual membership fee from \$15 to \$25 per individual (not families). George raised the concern about a July 24th start for the membership year. In previous years when the membership year was September to August, there was always a lot of confusion, even though the rules were documented. Jeanine and Susan explained that to do our first really good membership drive would take until mid-year to set up, including recruiting a membership chairman.

After discussions, the resolution was that a formal membership drive would be undertaken by early May. The memberships will be for the 2022 calendar year and hopefully the membership drives for future years can start at the end of each calendar year. If unsolicited memberships are submitted before the first membership drive in 2022, we will accept \$15, but if they ask, we will specify \$25. George will make a simple update to the membership webpage on the WCHS website. Then the officers can provide updates if they would like to.

Motion to approve increase in dues to \$25.00 made by Susan Crook

Second by Doug

Unanimous Vote

IV. Updates:

a. Community Contacts/Field Trips – Sidney

Sidney talked about scheduling for the upcoming Springdale field trip. The third Saturday in February was ruled out because of the DUP 3rd Weekend events. So the 4th Saturday was chosen. George pointed out that may conflict with the fourth Saturday events at Silver Reef. George said one of the original purposes of the WCHS online calendar was to provide a place where all history related events in the County could be listed and this should be a tool to help in minimizing scheduling conflicts. Date of next field trip is yet to be determined. Sidney will work with Rick Levan. There is a new museum in Springdale to be visited.

b. Meeting with Washington County IT (Gavin Joaquin), November 10, 2021

Loren led a discussion of the meeting with Gavin Juaquin and the Washington County people. He had an e-mail from Gavin about two options the County could offer to rehost the WCHS website. Neither option met our needs however we might submit a counter to one of the proposals that would work for both of us. We would like to remain connected to the County since our interests are very much aligned. George will supply some thoughts to Loren, after which Loren will reply to Gavin.

c. Committee Chair Reports

1. Pioneer Courthouse – Jeanine - see below

2. Website/social media – George

George pointed out he is not involved with social media and someone else should be reporting activities there. Jesse is managing the WCHS Facebook page and took on the social medial area.

The Santa Clara Museum has a new webmaster and is reactivating their website. George met with Sherri Anderson and Linda Gubler to

share ideas on how they can get their large amount of history up on the web. Ideas were discussed of cooperation between the Santa Clara Museum website and the WCHS "database" website so that Santa Clara history would be available through either website, and duplication of efforts could be avoided. Similar discussions are being held with the Washington City Historical Society and the New Harmony Heritage Historical Society.

George again mentioned the need for a Privacy Policy, a Terms of Service, and a Disclaimer on the WCHS website. A motion was passed to authorize him to move forward on that with Michael Gburski and with the necessary costs.

George is to let Susan know the costs he can foresee for the WCHS website.

3. Special Projects – Jesse

\$3000 donation received from Justin Reber. The Juanita Brooks statue is finished and at the foundry. The plaque is being finalized. A comment was made regarding the size of the font. It needs to be easily read. Jesse is in the process of creating a handout (a trifold) to be ready for distribution to donors when the statue is erected and dedicated.

4. Publicity/Promotion/Community Outreach – Susannah – Excused (no report)

5. Membership/Fundraising – Sharee – Excused (no report)

A discussion was held about tying in the annual fundraiser with the dedication of the statue. To plan the fundraiser properly, there needs to be sufficient lead time to create a committee, with a designated chairperson. It will necessarily be in the late spring. Ideally the statue dedication would be held at the same time to maximize visibility.

6. Walking Tours – Susan

Tour guides have been set for Walking Tours scheduled for 12-15-2021. The tours will be held at 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, and 2 PM. Flyer to sent with the next few days.

7. Job Fair to encourage volunteers

The Committee selected February 16, 2022, from 3 to 7 at the Courthouse to introduce potential volunteers of the needs of WCHS and the Pioneer Courthouse. Job Descriptions will be created, media coverage promoted, etc. A committee and Chair person is needed. Susan Crook named Don Theall as a potential volunteer to help with database management. She will contact him to determine his availability.

Next Meeting – Annual Board Meeting - January 26, 2022.

Questions? Contact Jeanine Vander Bruggen 435-632-1215 garyvb44@aol.com

Pioneer Courthouse Events and Activities for November/December 2021

Activities for November

11-4-2021 – Lecture by Allison McCord

11-13-2021 – Zion Native Flute Group

11-16-2021 – Music Program

11-20-2021 – Shootout

11-27-2021 through 12-22-2021– Green Gate Village Collaboration

Daily participation providing entertainment and activities

Monday/Tuesday – Book Reading

Thursday – Story Telling

Friday – Music Entertainment

Saturday – Crafts/Games

Upcoming Activities for December

12-2-2021 – Lecture by Lyman Hafen

12-11-2021 – Zion Native Flute

12-14-2021 – Music Program

12-15-2021 – Walking Tours

12-18-2021 – Shootout

Planning Ahead – January

Arts to Zion Studio Tour January 8 through January 18

Dan McArthur Lecture January 6

New family display - McArthur