

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Executive Committee Meeting – Approved Minutes
PIONEER COURTHOUSE
2-23-2022

Attended: George Cannon, Keith Cannon, Sidney Creer, Susan Crook, Susannah Nilsson, Jesse Stocking, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Loren Webb

1. Welcome by Loren Webb at 10:00 AM

2. Minutes from 1-26-2022 –Jeanine

After discussion of minor additions by Loren Webb, minutes were approved. Motion by Susan Crook; Seconded by Sidney Creer

3. January 2022 Financial Report – Susan

After discussion of report, Loren Webb, asked that Annette Everett's name be recorded with both first and last name. January 2022 Financial Report was approved with changes. Motion by Keith Cannon; Seconded by Susannah Nilsson

Susan reported that our reserve is being reduced rapidly. We should maintain 4 to 6 months in reserve for our unexpected expenditures. That amount needs to be determined. We will be renewing Liability Insurance/Directors and Officers.

Susan also reported that she replied to a request for public input on the proposal to install a cell tower in Diamond Valley.

Susannah Nilsson reported she received \$55 for her birthday, and encouraged other members to do the same through Facebook. She also recommended that WCHS members sign up for Amazon Smile so contributions can be made to WCHS from those who purchase items from Amazon. This will be left up to members.

4. Calendar of Events – Review

Discussion was held to review upcoming events. Jeanine distributed the Pioneer Courthouse Events flyer that is available for visitors to the Courthouse. The desire to hold a Community Forum has been put on hold until Sidney Creer is able to complete her gathering of contact information. The Washington County Fair will be held April 20 to April 23. WCHS has not been given notice of our participation. We are awaiting that notice. Walking Tours have not been scheduled. It was decided to wait until the Fall. Currently there are many conflicting activities being held by WCHS, by other groups, and by the City of St. George. A field trip in May is being developed. No date has been set.

There is a possibility of holding a Juanita Brooks' Reader Theater on Friday, March 18. Debora Threedy met with Susan Crook and Jeanine Vander Bruggen to discuss. Debora is seeking volunteers to help as readers. There is a possibility that it would be held more than once.

5. Volunteer Fair – February 16, 2022 – Report

Jeanine Vander Bruggen reported that the Volunteer Fair was a success in that the various groups were there to discuss volunteer opportunities with interested parties. There was a small participation, but a few contacts were gained. As a first effort in reaching out to the public to encourage support to our activities, it was encouraging. It served as a wonderful opportunity for current volunteers to get acquainted.

6. Juanita Brooks Unveiling/Women History Month Photo Shoot – Update

Jesse Stocking reported that the plaque, prepared by Kenworthy Signs, was completed on February 23, 2022. The program for the unveiling is being developed in a two-fold brochure. When information is forwarded to Jeanine Vander Bruggen, an announcement will go out through Mailchimp, Facebook, email, etc. At the conclusion of the unveiling, there will be a photoshoot of women leaders in the community as a means of honoring the women during Women's History Month, and of preserving a photo for the future. A discussion was held asking "what help is needed by the Executive Committee Members?" Will there be refreshments? What about tables and chairs? What about water? It was decided refreshments were not needed, but water would be provided.

Chris Caldwell will be taking photos. Loren Webb is preparing a press release.

7. Oral History Project – Update

Loren Webb reported that Susan Mower has completed the second history transcript on the November 18, 2021, interview of Michael J. Kruse of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Southern Utah. The first transcript, based on the interview of retired Community Baptist Church leader Rev. Alex Wilkie, was completed earlier this year. A discussion was held regarding the funding for the project. It was decided \$500 could be available through current grants. WCHS will not limit the oral histories to the Interfaith Council Members, but will seek those who are recognized as having a significant impact on the history of Washington County.

8. Pioneer Courthouse Report

Jeanine Vander Bruggen did not give a specific report on the Pioneer Courthouse as much of the activities had already been discussed throughout the meeting. The Courthouse continues to play a key role in making WCHS more visible and involved in the community.

9. Website – Status

George Cannon reported he has been working with Michael Gbursky in developing a needed Privacy notice. There are three documents that need reviewing to determine how to proceed with the necessary changes to the WCHS website in order to preserve its integrity and to relieve George the tremendous responsibility he has had. An attempt was made to schedule a meeting of the Executive Committee members to discuss and decide, but a decision could not be reached and will be handled outside of a regular meeting.

10. Other

- Loren Webb agreed to serve as the interim Communications Manager in preparing press releases to the Media. His expertise in this area is much needed.
- Washington County School District is seeking Judges for the Utah National History Day. Jeanine Vander Bruggen had been approached by Darlene Tanner and agreed to participate until she realized that she had a conflict. Jeanine told Darlene she would see if any of WCHS members would be available. Loren Webb was very interested in getting details about this so he could be a judge. Information was given to him. The School District is reaching out at the last minute because they are still needing fifteen judges. The first full day of judging is scheduled for Saturday, February 26.
- A meeting was held with Susan Crook, Jeanine Vander Bruggen and Don Theall to discuss Don's assistance in improving our list of contacts currently in Mailchimp so we can have the information in a format to manipulate data and send information/request to various groups for fundraising purposes and membership drives. Don is an expert in data management and has volunteered to support our needs.
- Jeanine Vander Bruggen reported she has had the initial meeting with Cliff Bandringa, who has agreed to work with her in developing short video clips of historic buildings. This will be funded through the City of St. George RAP Tax grant received in 2021.

Next Meetings:

March 9, 2022 – Officers' Meeting – 10.00 A

March 30, 2022 – Executive Committee Meeting – 10:00 A