

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Executive Committee Meeting –Approved Minutes
PIONEER COURTHOUSE
3-30-2022
10:00 am

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

1. Welcome by Loren Webb

2. Minutes from 2-23-2022 –Jeanine Vander Bruggen

One correction noted, spelling of Kruse. Motion by Sidney Creer; Second by Susan Crook. Approved as changed unanimously.

3. February 2022 Financial Report – Susan Crook

Motion by Jeanine Vander Bruggen; Second by Suzannah Nilsson.
Approved unanimously.

Jesse Stocking mentioned that he had a call from Kenworthy Monuments stating payment for Juanita Brooks plaque had not been received. Jeanine Vander Bruggen said she would check PO Box and Pioneer Courthouse mailbox to see if it has been returned in the last few days.

Keith Cannon raised the question about the establishment of a foundation for the WCHS. Jesse Stocking stated there could be more potential for donations if a foundation could be set up. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

4. Grants Submitted – Report

Jeanine Vander Bruggen stated that a City of St. George RAP Tax Application was submitted on March 11 for \$5,000 for operating expenses. A City of St. George Arts Commission grant application was submitted on March 17 for \$2,000 for expenses related to presenters at the Pioneer Courthouse. Susan Crook mentioned she needed a copy of the second grant application. Jeanine Vander Bruggen agreed to send her a copy for her files. The preparation of the grants required the efforts of both Jeanine and Susan to ensure financial data was correct.

5. Calendar of Events – Update

Jeanine Vander Bruggen distributed a calendar of upcoming events. It was noted that the April 9 date was incorrectly listed as Springdale rather than Enterprise. Jeanine will make the correction before making copies. There was discussion regarding the Enterprise Field Trip and the sites to be visited. The reservoirs will not be included because of the distance and time required. That could be a future field trip. There will be five locations visited on April 9. Five speakers will be relating histories of local settlers of Enterprise.

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

Jesse Stocking reported the event could be considered an enormous success. Approximately three hundred people attended, the program was concise, and presenters held to the schedule. There had been great support in setting up the WCHS banner, and many compliments were given. A photoshoot of women leaders in the community was held to celebrate Women’s History Month. It was suggested that we get the local Jewish leader to come as a speaker. Juanita Brooks authored a book on the history of Jews.

In addition to the unveiling ceremony, Jeanine Vander Bruggen mentioned she had given a presentation at a Daughters of American Revolution Chapter Meeting to discuss Juanita Brooks, as well as Maureen Whipple, and Lynne Clark. Joseph Carson, a videographer with RedRock Media came to the Pioneer Courthouse to do a promotional video with Jeanine discussing Juanita. The video was published on YouTube – RedRockNow media channel. A Reader’s Theater was held at the Pioneer Courthouse on March 18, with Debora Threedy presenting her play regarding the life of Juanita Brooks during the period of writing the Mountain Meadows Massacre. It was well received. A Melissa Anderson video was also created for the unveiling of the Statue. Melissa is with Dixie State University and has created many videos of historic value, including a series of three for the Courthouse, and the Mystery Art Video for Susannah Nilsson on Loren Covington.

There was a lot of positive press covering this long-awaited event.

We were reminded that a 1099 form needs to be sent to Annette Everett as a contractor for the statue.

We were also reminded that a debriefing of the Juanita Brooks project needs to occur. It was decided the committee members would attend the April 13, 2022, Officers’ Meeting scheduled for 10:00. (Keith Cannon, Sidney Creer, Jesse Stocking, and Susan Crook).

7. Oral History Project – Update

Loren Webb reported that the Michael Kruse oral history transcript has been approved and will be submitted to the Dixie State University and the County Library. Ralph Klingan, Reverend of the Good Shepherd Church, will be the next to be interviewed.

8. Videotaping Project – Update

Jeanine Vander Bruggen reported that the videotape project has begun. Cliff Bandringa will be creating a videotape of the historic St. George Walking Tours. It will be a three-part project – History of St. George, Homes, Buildings. These will be approximately 8 minutes each to be placed on YouTube and distributed as extensively as possible to entice visitors to come to our area and learn our history. The cost of these videos will be covered by a current City of St. George RAP Tax grant. They should be completed before the end of June.

9. Permit Application for Shootouts – Report

Jeanine Vander Bruggen reported that a City of St. George Special Permit application has been submitted for approval to hold monthly “Shootouts” performed by the Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang. The first performance is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in May. Approval is pending.

10. Membership/Fundraising List Project – Report

Susan Crook reported she is working with Don Theall who has volunteered to assist WCHS in creating a contact list of potential members. Jeanine Vander Bruggen supplied the current Mailchimp list used for promoting events as a starting point. Don has spent considerable time in cleaning up the records to include addresses and telephone numbers. The Mailchimp list currently relies on email addresses and names only. The additional information is necessary in preparing for a membership drive and to reach potential donors.

11. Website Restructuring – Update

Susan Crook reported that she and Jeanine Vander Bruggen met with Michael Gbursky regarding website issues. An agreement for the Privacy coverage was signed. Michael is preparing a contract proposal for assisting in our efforts to redesign our website. He has been delayed due to family issues, but will get back to us as soon as possible. Jeanine and Susan are setting up a meeting with Victor Iverson to follow up with earlier meetings.

12. Other

- a. As a result of reviewing the mailing list, Susan Crook contacted Clive Romney. He is agreeable to be a speaker when he is in town.
- b. Susan Crook mentioned she had a conversation with Bette Arial, President of the St. George Historical Preservation Commission, regarding her thinking about the future disposition of the Washington County Administration building. Bette's reaction is to tear it down. Susan is promoting the reuse of the building to serve as a museum for preserving the history of the building, the cold war, downwinders, etc.

Jesse Stocking mentioned he had a conversation with Washington County Commissioner, Gil Almquist there is consideration to replace the building with community space, a park, a replica of the Cottam House, etc.

- c. Susannah Nilsson reported that the 20-minute video on artist Loren Covington has been completed. A copy of the video has been given to Jeanine Vander Bruggen for use at the Pioneer Courthouse. A lecture will be given on Covington's life by his granddaughter, Kathy Tobler, on June 2, 2022. Two of Covington's murals are on the west wall of the Courtroom.

The issue came up for the need to have a WCHS administrator for WCHS YouTube Channel. Jesse Stocking offered to see if the current administrator can be changed from Mike Gardner. Videos need to be protected. There needs to be a cloud account established to store videos, as well as administrative materials.

Motion was made to establish a cloud account. Susan and Jeanine will work to arrange.

Motion by Susannah Nilsson, Seconded by Jesse Stocking; approved unanimously.

Next Meetings:

April 13, 2022 – Officers' Meeting – 10.00 A

April 27, 2022 – Executive Committee Meeting – 10:00 A