

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Executive Committee Meeting – Approved Minutes (5-25-2022)  
PIONEER COURTHOUSE  
4-27-2022  
10:02 am

Attended: George Cannon, Keith Cannon, Sidney Creer, Susan Crook, Susannah Nilsson, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Loren Webb  
Sylvia Vasilik, guest

1. Welcome - Loren Webb

2. Minutes from 3-30-2022 –Jeanine Vander Bruggen

Comment made by Loren Webb to add information identifying Melissa Anderson, videographer from Dixie State University.

Motion to approve: Sidney Creer; Seconded: Susan Crook

3. March 2022 Financial Report – Susan Crook

Kenworthy Monument check for Juanita Brooks plaque has been rewritten. Susan made request to use \$500 of balance in Juanita Brooks account to pay Sculptor, Annette Everett. The balance to be transferred to general account.

Motion to approve transfer: Keith Cannon; Seconded: Jeanine Vander Bruggen.

Motion to approve financial report: Keith Cannon; Seconded: Susannah Nilsson.

Susan raised the question of how many postal box keys were available.

There is one. Jeanine has the key to pick up mail. Susan can request to pick up mail by identifying herself.

4. Calendar of Events – Update

- April 20-23 – Washington County Fair

Fair participation was successful. There were two volunteers from WCHS, five volunteers from Courthouse, nine volunteers from DUP, one volunteer from SUP, one neighbor of Jeanine. Eighteen was the total number of volunteers. Seventy-five cards were completed giving contact information. Loren Webb selected the winner of the T-shirt offered to those who filled out a contact card. Susan Roan was the winner. (Note: Susan was contacted on Wednesday afternoon. She came to the Courthouse and selected a t-shirt for her use.)

- April 26, 2022 - Musical Program

There were thirty in attendance at the Dixie Jam Band performance.

- May 5, 2022 - Lecture – Mormon Battalion

- May 14, 2022 - New Harmony Field Trip – Sidney Creer

Sidney discussed the plans for the Field Trip. She will not be in attendance. Dick Kohler will meet participants that morning and have contact cards distributed.

- May 21, 2022 – Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang Reenactment  
Sound equipment has been ordered to enhance the ability to hear this group perform.

- June 7, 2022 - Lecture – Loren Covington, artist

a. Jeanine will be going to the Hurricane Museum to take photos of the Loren Covington paintings there to use at the presentation on June 7. Also, the video produced under Susannah's directions will be available to show. Susannah will bring her personal Covington painting for display at the lecture.

b. Susannah is trying to determine location of Loren Covington painting(s) at St. George East Stake-owned 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Ward Building which is to be torn down at the corner of 400 East and 100 South in St. George. Building is still owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Loren Webb and others hope to get permission to enter building to take photos of interior for historic value prior to demolition.

5. Transfer of responsibility for YouTube channel from Mike Gardner to WCHS – Update - Jesse Stocking. In Jesse's absence, Susan reported the transfer has been taken care of.

6. Setting up an iCloud Account of all WCHS videos/records - Update – Susan Crook

The plan to set up google workspace is pending. Susan is working with Michael Gbursky on privacy documents and pending proposal for other website issues.

7. Oral History Project – Update – Loren Webb

a. On April 7, Michael Kruse was requested to sign three forms. They have not yet been returned.

b. An interview with Rev. Klingan, scheduled for April 27, was cancelled. It has not been rescheduled.

c. Laura Fairchild has been sent a note to set up an interview on May 4.

8. Videotaping Project – Update

Cliff Bandringa did some refilming on Saturday, April 23. Jeanine was unable to meet with him to discuss the next steps as she was at the Fair. They will meet once a time and place has been set.

9. Membership/Fundraising List Project – Report

The membership list has been completed. Susan Crook is still waiting for Joel DeCuester’s availability to assist with a fundraising project.

10. Website Restructuring – Update

Susan Crook and Jeanine Vander Bruggen met with Victor Iverson, Washington County Commissioner and Gavin Joaquin to keep each other informed as to progress and needs for upgrading the WCHS website. The plan is to combine the websites for the Pioneer Courthouse and WCHS, remove administrative activities to Google Workplace, and to create a more accessible data base for the historical data currently available on the WCHS website.

11. Determine future support, if any, of retaining existing Washington County Administration Building

- a. Discussion held regarding the need to take a position on the future for the current Washington County Administration Building. No decision has been made by the County.
- b. Susan Crook would like WCHS to take a position to support keeping the building for use is telling its history.
- c. Drawings are available according to Scott Messel.
- d. It was suggested that a draft national historic registration application be prepared. Susan agreed to prepare.
- e. Once application has been prepared, then WCHS could go to the County Commission, and the City of St. George to present WCHS position on the future of the building.

12. Determine need for establishment of WCHS Foundation

- a. Susan Crook explained that a foundation is normally established for an organization that intends to fund other activities. It is not a fit for WCHS.
- b. It was mentioned that Colleen Randall is requesting funding from WCHS for repairs to Terry Ranch. WCHS has a moratorium on grants until funds can be raised.

13. Other

- a. The photos of commissioners originally obtained by Loren Webb has errors on it. This was recognized by a couple of visitors to the Courthouse.

Loren went to the county requesting help in identifying missing photos and in making corrections. He is expecting corrections to be made.

b. Sidney mentioned that the turnout for the Enterprise Field Trip was exceptionally good. She also mentioned that Keith Cannon and Dick Kohler will be helping with the New Harmony Field Trip. Jeanine reminded Sidney to keep Clyde Biesinger involved. There will be a field trip to Leeds in September, led by LoAnne Barnes. The date has not been confirmed.

c. George Cannon stated he has been working on scanning class photos for East and West schools. The task is monumental.

d. Susannah Nilsson reported that Santa Clara will be having a Shakespeare in the Park program on April 29, 30, and May 2. Also, a Sew Swiss activity to prepare for Swiss Days. Susannah also reported that the wildflowers are in abundance in Santa Clara now.

Next Meetings:

May 11, 2022 - Officers' Meeting – 1:00 PM

May 25, 2022 – Executive Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM