

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Executive Committee Meeting –Approved Minutes
PIONEER COURTHOUSE
5-25-2022
10:00 am

Attended: George Cannon, Keith Cannon, Susan Crook, Richard Kohler, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Loren Webb

1. Welcome - Loren Webb
2. Minutes from 4-27-2022 –Jeanine Vander Bruggen
Motion to approve: Susan Crook; Seconded: George Cannon
Approved Unanimously
3. April 2022 Financial Report – Susan Crook
Motion to approve: Jeanine Vander Bruggen; Seconded: George Cannon
Approved Unanimously
4. Calendar of Events – Update – Jeanine Vander Bruggen
 - May 5, 2022 - Lecture – Mormon Battalion – 50 in attendance
 - May 14, 2022 - New Harmony Field Trip – Richard Kohler – 30 in attendance. Richard mentioned that about one half of the attendees met at New Harmony rather than the Pioneer Courthouse.
 - May 16, 2022 – Washington City History Presentation by Jeanine Vander Bruggen at Family Home Evening – 20 in attendance
 - May 21, 2022 – Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang Reenactment – 80 in attendance

Sound equipment provided by Pioneer Courthouse used for the first time. Speaker stands and 4 lavaliers were purchased by the Pioneer Courthouse to enhance the sound. The performance was much better. The Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang group asked for details on the type of system as they are looking into ordering their own equipment for other performances other than at the Courthouse.

 - June 2, 2022 - Lecture – Loren Covington, artist – upcoming
 - July 7, 2022 – Lecture – Parker Family – by Dixie Miller – upcoming

Group Tours Scheduled–

 - June 8, 2022 – Youth Group of approximately 20

- July 5 and 6, 2022 – Home School Group to bring kindergarten class one day, and the balance of students the next day – total of 55 students

- July 27, 2022 – 8–9-year-old youth group of 11

- June 22, 2022 - Filming at Tabernacle

Dan Fowlkes of Southern Utah Productions is producing a film about the story of Father Scanlan and John Menzies Macfarlane’s re-creation of the Mass at the Tabernacle on May 25, 1879. Approximately 3000 were in attendance.

Jeanine Vander Bruggen is assisting in finding participants to be extras in the film, to “fill” the tabernacle for the shooting. Emails have been sent to several groups requesting participation. She mentioned that she had not sent an email to WCHS Executive Committee but would do so and all members were invited to be part of this historic story. Steven Snow, former area Representative and St. George resident, is doing the introduction to the film. A grant was written by Bobbi Wan-kier to cover the costs of the film.

Old Business

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

This is still on hold, waiting for Michael Gbursky’s availability in helping us redo the WCHS website.

2. Oral History Project – Update – Loren Webb

Kathleen Broeder contacted Loren Webb that the Michael Kruse issue has been corrected. He has signed a new contract authorizing his oral history be made public.

3. Walking Tour Videotaping Project – Update – Jeanine Vander Bruggen

On May 24, 2022, Cliff Bandringa went to the Children’s Discovery Museum and the Woodward School to do filming of the interior for historic shots to be included in the 2nd video he is working on.

4. Membership/Fundraising List Project – Report – Susan Crook

Still on hold. Susan requested for Jeanine to send the attendance list for the May 14, field trip to Don Theall.

5. Website Restructuring – Update – Susan Crook

On hold, waiting for Michael Gbursky’s availability.

Discussion held on the need to contact Gavin Joaquin, IT Tech at Washington County, to get his recommendation on obtaining software for

identifying broken links to be corrected on website. Loren Webb agreed to contact Gavin.

New Business

1. Mathew Godfrey visit to WCHS

Matt Godfrey, senior historian over outreach and engagement with the LDS Church History Department in Salt Lake City, is working to develop relationships with outside historical organizations, and to see if the Washington County Historical Society would be interested in meeting with him to discuss Church History Department resources and products that might be of interest to the WCHS, and to have someone from his staff present at one of the WCHS monthly meetings on an aspect of Washington County history.

Matt has agreed to attend the August 31, 2022, WCHS Executive Committee meeting. He arranged to have Nathan Waite of his staff to provide a lecture. Nathan is an editorial manager for the Church Historian's Press of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he contributes to the Joseph Smith Papers and the four-volume series Saints. He received a BA in English from Brigham Young University and an MA in American studies from the University of Utah, in addition to numerous other credits. His presentation will be at 12:00 Noon on August 31, 2022, at the Pioneer Courthouse. His topic will be "The Many Names and Stories of Zion Canyon." This will be an innovative approach to holding a lecture at the Courthouse. The format will be advertised as a brown bag lunch.

2. Advertising for volunteer researchers to look for broken links on WCHS website
It was agreed that we wait until we have the software for identifying broken links before we advertise for help

3. Decision on participation in People's History of Utah Project – Susan Crook
We will be working with Theda Wrede on this project.

4. Creation of official logo for WCHS

It was discussed that the Pioneer Courthouse needs to be the focus of the logo; George Cannon offered to submit previous versions of Logos; Keith mentioned that his cousin Donald Q. Cannon could be of assistance. We need someone in charge. Dick Kohler offered to do a draft.

5. Susan's appointment to new Utah SHPO National Register Review Committee
Susan announced her appointment with SHPO. This is a credit to her many past organization activities

6. Susan's review of Section 106 request for cell tower at 1842 W. Sunset Blvd.

Susan received and responded to the request to review the impact of the above cell tower. She stated that she saw no negative impact.

7. Susan reported that Kirk Huffaker has been awarded the St. George City contract for Reconnaissance Level Survey

8. Need for additional advertising for Field Trips was raised. While at the library, on the New Harmony Field Trip, Nancy Bentley mentioned, that it would be good to find a way to include the community visited in promoting the activity. Nothing definitive was settled.

9. Special Program for Doug Alder to present information on Juanita Brooks Statue project. Doug and Elaine Alder are moving within a brief period of time. Jesse Stocking felt it would be appropriate for Doug to give a lecture regarding Juanita Brooks and the statue project. The event is tentatively planned for June 3, 2022, at 8:00 AM at the statue site. Only close family members and friends are to be invited. Jesse is to be in charge to make all the arrangements. Dick Kohler will assist. A special effort will be made to invite Juanita Brooks' daughter, Willa.

10. Dick Kohler brought up the fact that his term on the Washington County RAP Committee will be over at the end of the year. He was making a request for recommendations for a replacement. Dick agreed to send a list of requirements for the position.

Next Meetings

June 8, 2022 - Officers' Meeting – 10:00 AM

June 29, 2022 – Executive Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM