

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Executive Committee Meeting – Approved Minutes  
PIONEER COURTHOUSE  
6-29-2022  
10:10 am

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

1. Welcome - Loren Webb

2. Minutes from 5-25--2022 –Jeanine Vander Bruggen

Jeanine reported that one correction was made to Susan Crook's name.

Motion to approve as corrected: Susan Crook

2<sup>nd</sup> by Sidney Creer

Approved unanimously as corrected

3. May 2022 Financial Report – Susan Crook

There were no questions regarding the financial report as given. Susan did emphasize that the Juanita Brooks account has been closed. She also mentioned that she intends to close the Pioneer Courthouse checking account towards the end of the year in preparation for switching our accounting records to QuickBooks.

Motion to approve financial statement: Jeanine Vander Bruggen

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jesse Stocking

Approved unanimously

4. Calendar of Events – Update

Completed

- May 24, 2022 – Tyler Sevy and Friends – 30 in attendance
- Historic St. George Live Tours started June 2 – off to a slow start; volunteers needed
- June 2, 2022 - Lecture – Loren Covington, artist – 45 in attendance
- June 8, 2022 – Youth Group Tour – 24 in attendance
- June 13, 2022 – Rotary Club Tour (Colombia) – 20 in attendance
- June 14, 2022 – Young Women from Santaquin Tour – 24 in attendance
- June 16, 2022 – Filming at Pioneer Courthouse
- June 18, 2022 – Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang Shootout – 70 in attendance

- June 22, 2022 – Filming of re-creation of Father Scanlan/John Menzies Macfarlane Mass at the Tabernacle

Question raised about how this filming went. It was a great experience; however, the participation was much less than expected. There were 24 in attendance; 3 from WCHS and 5 from Courthouse Volunteers. The film crew visited the Courthouse on June 23, 2022, to film in the judge's chamber. Jesse stated that Coleen Lloyd, a costumer, is looking for space to store costumes. No suggestions were made. Something could be put on the website.

- June 28, 2022 – Music Program – Dixieland Jam Session – 24 in attendance  
Upcoming

- July 5, 2022 – Home School Tour activity – 25 to 30 students

- July 6, 2022 – Home School Tour activity – 20 to 25 kindergarten students

- July 7, 2022 – Lecture – Parker Family (Butch Cassidy)

- July 16, 2022 – Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang Shootout

- July 23, 2022 – Pioneer Day Activities at the Courthouse

- July 26, 2022 – Music Program – TBA

- July 27, 2022 – Youth Group – 8- to 9-year-olds – approximately eleven

- Leeds Field Trip – Sidney

Sidney requested an agreement for the date to hold the field trip to Leeds tentatively scheduled in September. There was a discussion regarding holding the event on a day other than Saturday. The committee prefers Saturday. Sidney will continue working with LoAnne Barnes to determine the best date for all concerned.

There was a suggestion made that we consider a field trip to Hildale, Utah to see the Warren Jeffs home.

### Old Business – updates

1. Setting up a cloud account of all WCHS videos/records – Susan Crook

All business issues related to the WCHS website (see items 4 and 7) are on hold until Michael Gbursky is available.

2. Videotaping Project – Jeanine Vander Bruggen

The 2nd video is being revised to include suggestions from the Officers' Meeting.

3. Membership/Fundraising List Project – Jeanine/Susan

The membership list has been completed but cannot be utilized until a project has been defined and specific lists created for the project. It will be necessary to have a planning meeting set up. No meeting has been scheduled.

4. Website Restructuring (see item #1 above)

5. Status of Development of WCHS Logo - Richard Kohler

Richard was not in attendance and did not forward any suggestions for a new logo. George Cannon sent a copy of logos prepared several years' ago. They were reviewed by the committee and rejected. Susan agreed to contact a business associate to seek some assistance in a logo design. Jeanine has not been able to find her contact's information.

6. Matthew Godfrey visit to WCHS – September Executive Meeting – Loren Webb

There has been no change in having Matthew Godfrey visit our WCHS Executive Committee in September. Nathan Waite still plans to give a presentation in August, following our next Executive Committee meeting at 12:00 PM.

7. Advertising for volunteer researchers to look for broken links on WCHS website (see item #1 above)

8. Decision on participation in People's History of Utah Project – Susan Crook

Susan reported there has been no change in our decision to participate in this project. She is waiting to be contacted to see what is requested of us.

9. Visit to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Chapel – Susannah Nilsson – absent – no report

Loren will contact Susannah to determine what needs to be done to gather the information desired on the Covington paintings and to photograph the interior of the building before demolition.

George Cannon mentioned that the fence around this ward chapel has been taken down. No one is sure what this means. Possibly the title has been transferred from the Church to the City and they don't think it is needed.

10. Juanita Brooks Event – June 3, 2022 – Jesse Stocking

Jesse reported that there was an attendance of 15 at this special program where Doug Alder was given the opportunity to share his insights into the Juanita Brooks project, of which he was a major player. Jesse felt the program was a success and the effort to set it up was much appreciated. George Cannon will post photos of the event on WCHS website.

### New Business

1. Preservation Utah 2022 Heritage Award to Jane Whalen – Susan Crook

Susan wrote the recommendation for this award to honor Jane Whalen for her exemplary work in preserving the history of Rockville and Leeds. The awards banquet will be held in October, in Salt Lake City. Susan suggested tickets be purchased by WCHS for a table to give to Jane and her family for this event. A decision will be made when more information is known, specifically the cost.

#### 2. Attendance Records at Pioneer Courthouse – Jeanine Vander Bruggen

Don Theall volunteered to input attendance records at the Pioneer Courthouse. This project was started by a service missionary who will be ending his service shortly. Don Theall used the initial work, fine-tuned it, and has completed the months of May 2021 and May 2022. This will add to our ability to report to governing officials on the use of the Courthouse to determine trends.

#### 3. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade History Project – Loren Webb/Jesse Stocking

Loren and Jesse reported they are continually working on getting support from school officials to hold lessons on Utah History for 7<sup>th</sup> grades. Agreement has been reached, but there is the challenge of getting notice to Principals and Teachers for their consideration in inviting Loren/Jesse to conduct the lessons in the classroom. To date there has been no response/invitations. Loren is seeking to meet with the Principals at one of their monthly meetings to expedite getting the word to everyone and to better explain what is desired.

Jesse mentioned the issue of having a brochure or flyer to take to the meeting and to have available for distribution to all parties. It was agreed that a handout would be necessary. There was no decision about content or when needed.

#### 4. Call received regarding the “Conqueror” – George Cannon

A United Kingdom researcher is doing a history on the film “Conqueror.” Loren stated that the book “Ground Zero” about nuclear testing would be a useful resource.

#### 5. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebrations – Jesse Stocking and others

The Committee was reminded of the many events being held in St. George to celebrate Independence Day. Sunday, July 3, Prayer for the City; Monday, July 4, Parade; Monday, July 4, Fireworks at Greater Zion Stadium. Many other events are scheduled.

#### Next Meetings:

July 13, 2022 - Officers’ Meeting – 10.00 AM

July 27, 2022 – Executive Committee Meeting – 10:00 AM