

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Executive Committee Meeting –Approved Minutes  
PIONEER COURTHOUSE  
8-31-2022  
10:00 am

Attended: George Cannon, Sidney Creer, Susan Crook, Susannah Nilsson, Jesse Stocking, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Loren Webb, Joel Deceuster, Richard Kohler  
Keith Cannon - excused

1. Welcome - Loren Webb
2. Minutes from 6-29-2022 –Jeanine Vander Bruggen  
Corrections discussed.  
Motion to Approve Amended Minutes – Susan Crook  
Second – Jesse Stocking  
Approved Unanimously
3. August 2022 Financial Report – Susan Crook  
Motion to Approve – Sidney Creer  
Second – Susan Crook  
Approved Unanimously  
Jeanine mentioned that approximately \$1000 is available from Washington County RAP Tax Grant that had been slated to reimburse Susannah Nilsson for Loren Covington Video. Susannah has donated payment. Susan Crook made motion to use restricted funds from Washington County RAP Tax for other projects requiring videos, i.e., oral histories. Second by Jesse Stocking. Approved Unanimously.

New Business

1. Preservation Utah 2022 Heritage Award to Jane Whalen – Susan Crook  
Susan Crook reported that Melissa Anderson will do a 2-minute video as part of the presentation to honor Jane Whalen. Susan will be attending the award banquet with Jane Whalen. The funding for this would also come from the available Washington County RAP Tax grant funds.
2. Attendance Records at Pioneer Courthouse – Jeanine Vander Bruggen  
The first attendance report prepared by Don Theall was presented. For 2021, with the Pioneer Courthouse open 214 days, there were 5,098 visitors. For now, January through July, a total of 151 days, 3,504 visitors toured the Pioneer

Courthouse. This report will be prepared monthly, and a copy will be attached to the minutes.

3. Loren reported on the 8-24-2022 Meeting with Jennifer Ortiz of the State History Department. Those present from the WCHS included: Richard Kohler, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Susannah Nilsson, and Loren Webb. This was an opportunity to provide the State with input for their strategic planning. While visiting, Jeanine invited Jennifer to visit the Pioneer Courthouse. Jennifer agreed to help us connect with State Departments in obtaining help to finding necessary support to preserve the Pioneer Courthouse. She also offered to contact both Mayor Michele Randall and Marc Mortensen to remind them of the deadline for applying for the State Grant due 9-7-2022.

This led to a philosophical discussion about our responsibility as a Society to ensure the Courthouse is properly maintained.

4. Jesse Stocking reported on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class presentations. No presentations have been scheduled, but contacts have been made.
5. The question was raised about the St. George East Stake Building and its status. Fencing has been removed. No one knows the current ownership. There is still a question about obtaining photos of the interior. If photos have been taken, can they be obtained for WCHS data base?
6. Susan mentioned that the current County Administrative Building will continue to be used for at least the next 4 to 5 years while a full transition has been made to move to the new building.
7. Joel Deceuster was asked to introduce himself and role he will be playing in helping WCHS reorganize.
8. Susannah Nilsson mentioned that the Santa Clara Swiss Days celebration will be held September 22 – 24. She also said in connection with the event, *Let's discover Santa Clara Activity Book* created and produced by Ester West will be available to the public.
9. Jeanine Vander Bruggen said she would be speaking Thursday, September 1 at the St. George Sunrise Rotary Club.

Adjourn for Nate Waite Presentation @ Noon

Next Meetings:

- September 7, 2022 – Officers' Meeting (Sidney excused)
- September 14, 2022 – Officers' Meeting (Keith excused)
- September 28, 2022 – Executive Committee Meeting