

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Executive Committee Meeting –Approved Minutes
PIONEER COURTHOUSE
11-30-2022
10:00 am

Attended: George Cannon, Sidney Creer, Susan Crook, Susannah Nilsson, Jesse Stocking, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Loren Webb, Dick Kohler, Debra Crocker

1. Welcome - Loren Webb
2. Minutes from 10-26-2022–Jeanine Vander Bruggen
Request was made by George Cannon to include the notes from 11-15-2022 Meeting.
Motion to approve amended minutes by Susan Crook
Second to motion – Sidney Creer
Approved Unanimously
3. November 2022 Financial Report – Susan Crook
Motion to approve financial report by Jesse Stocking
Second to motion – Jeanine Vander Bruggen
Approved Unanimously

A suggestion was made by George Cannon to check current interest rates for WCHS Savings. Susan will check.

Business

1. WCHS Website Proposal Update – Susan Crook
11-16-2022 meeting held to discuss website proposal. Vote taken to approve proposal presented by Austin Pickett. 3 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstention. An additional meeting was held on 11-29-2022 for committee members to meet Austin and give members the opportunity to add input to the project to create a new website, separating it from the WCHS Database. Austin presented a contract to WCHS for the scope of his work which was signed by Loren Webb, President of WCHS. For the record, George Cannon disagrees with the approach recommended but is willing to work with Susan Crook and Austin Pickett.
2. Report on Gala, January 12, 2023 – Macfarlane/Scanlan film
A meeting of the committee is scheduled for 12-6-2022 to develop a mailing list of invitees. Additional responsibilities will be discussed. Both Jeanine Vander Bruggen and Debra Crocker will attend the meeting. Ron Cundick from the Silver Reef Foundation is chairing the committee.
3. Report on Conference regarding Smithsonian Institute Traveling Exhibit
Jeanine Vander Bruggen reported on her two-day conference in Salt Lake to learn the responsibilities for co-hosting the Smithsonian Institute Traveling Exhibit entitled Crossroads, Changing Rural America. Eight communities in Utah will be hosting the exhibit for a 6-week period beginning in September 2023. The exhibit will be housed at

Silver Reef from March 2024 through April 2024. WCHS will be heavily involved in creating additional exhibits to include Washington County.

Motion to approve participation in the project by Susan Crook

Second to motion by Sidney Creer

Approved Unanimously

4. Update on Interfaith Oral Histories

Loren reported the success of the Interfaith Oral Histories. Several transcripts from those interviewed have been approved by the interviewees to be sent to Utah Tech University and Washington County Library Special Collections. He mentioned the names of several people he would like to include. He is planning to schedule an interview with Doug Alder when he is in town 12-5-2022.

5. Priorities to complete prior to January 25, 2023, Annual Meeting

Most of these activities will be discussed and resolved at the scheduled WCHS planning meeting 1-4-2022. Much work will be done between now and then to be prepared for a productive meeting. Each of these steps are necessary to hold our annual meeting scheduled for January 25, 2023. Loren will be working on an organizational (Venn Diagram) chart for WCHS, Susan will draft budgets and strategies, Annual Reports will be written.

Jeanine described her concept of the organization focusing on two major responsibilities for WCHS – Database (Preserving History) and Pioneer Courthouse (Promoting History). Jeanine agreed to send job descriptions to committee members to give them an idea of positions that need to be filled to effectively run WCHS and to provide the ability to expand its influence.

- Update on organizational priorities

Strategy for clarifying our Mission Statement, Vision, and Values – Loren Webb/Sidney Creer

Loren has sent Sidney a copy of information he has gathered for their work in preparing a revised Mission Statement, a Vision for WCHS and a Values description.

- Proposed Strategic Plan - 2023

- Proposed Projects - 2023

- Proposed Budget Priorities - 2023

- Proposed Calendar - 2023

- Proposed Nomination and Election of Officers

- Draft Annual Report – 2022 – Loren Webb

- Draft Annual Financial Report – 2022 – Susan Crook

- Draft Annual Pioneer Courthouse Report – 2022 – Jeanine Vander Bruggen

6. Rockville Field Trip

Sidney Creer reported there were 24 attendees at the Rockville Field Trip on Saturday, November 19, 2022. Rockville Mayor Pam Leach spoke to the field trip attendees at the Rockville Bridge.

7. Santa Clara – Susannah Nilsson reported on a new tradition beginning 12-1-2022 – Adventsfenster – 25 days where each day a new “window” will appear in the neighborhood. A list of homes has been sent out on a flyer.
The Graf home in Santa Clara (originally from Silver Reef) is being renovated.
The last Church owned orchard in Santa Clara has been torn down and cleared to become a city park.

Next Meetings:

- January 4, 2023 – Executive Meeting
- January 11, 2023 – Planning Meeting
- January 18, 2023 – Planning Meeting
- January 25, 2023 – Annual Meeting