

APPROVED 2/28/24

Washington County Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024 - 10 a.m.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum Meeting Room

Board members present: Brad Bennett, George Cannon, Ian Crowe, Teresa Orton, Linda Shogren, Jesse Stocking, and Loren Webb

Others present included: Maureen Parks, Bobbi Wan-kier, Sidney Creer, Richard Kohler, Hal and Susan Kilburn, Mike Harless, Brady Fronk, Chad Bennion, Richard Hafen, Marti Hafen, Ron Cundick, Pat Cundick, Dr. Kathleen Kavarra Corr, Mike Gardner, Lucia Duncan, and LaRene Cox.

Ian Crowe conducted the Pledge of Allegiance, then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. A motion was made by Teresa Orton and seconded by Loren Webb to approve the minutes of the WCHS Jan. 10, 2024, board meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.
2. Richard Kohler said he received permission from St. George official Marc Mortenson to hold eight lectures in the currently closed Pioneer Courthouse.
3. Ian then explained that four new board positions are up for election out of nine board positions. He said the board plans the budget and holds different historical events throughout the year, such as conducting oral history interviews, downtown walking tours, and research. The terms are for two years. Ian then had each of the five candidates for the four board positions introduce themselves and tell the reasons they felt why they should be selected to serve on the board. They included: Chad Bennion, Brady Fronk, Richard Kohler, Maureen Parks and Jesse Stocking.
4. Following a secret ballot election, the following individuals were elected to board positions: Chad Bennion, Richard Kohler, Maureen Parks and Jesse Stocking.
5. Linda Shogren, who served on the board in 2023 but chose not to continue in her board position in 2024, mentioned that she would like to have a booth, representing the Washington County Historical Society, set up during the Washington County Fair in Hurricane to be held April 12-20. She also asked for input for developing a new WCHS logo. It was decided to put this on the agenda to be discussed at the next Board meeting.

6. WCHS Board member Loren Webb reported that during the month of January he conducted oral history interviews at the Community Education Channel studios in the Jennings Building on the Utah Tech University campus with the following individuals:

- Lenny Brinkerhoff, a historian in Virgin, Utah;
- Bob Flowers, Santa Clara-Ivins Police Department chief;
- Kelly Larson, retired deputy police chief, St. George Police Department and author of the History of the St. George Police Department;
- Susan Savage, a long time Leeds resident and former member of the Leeds Domestic Water Association;
- LaRee Jones, a retired Washington County School District elementary school teacher who brought accelerated learning program and the National History Day program to the district;
- Connie and Jeff Morby, formerly with Terracor which developed the large-scale subdivisions of Bloomington and Bloomington Hills.

He is also planning to conduct oral history interviews with:

- Lynn Excell, Hurricane Police Department chief,
- Gloria Shakespeare, a former St. George City Council member and prominent business owner of the Hurst hardware store.

7. Bobbi Wan-kier commented that the events scheduled for the Smithsonian Exhibit are now on the ArtstoZion.org Google Map and will be on the calendar. On Feb. 20, at the Electric Theater there will be a showing of the first talking movie filmed in Southern Utah, titled ' "In Old Arizona". It is at 6 PM.

8. The next WCHS Community meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024, at 10 AM. in the DUP Museum meeting room. The WCHS Board meeting was set for Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 10 AM in the DUP Museum meeting room.

Motion to adjourn made by Teresa Orton and seconded by Loren Webb. Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.