

# The Heritage Network

Board of Directors

March 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Joe, at 9:30 at the museum in Colville. Don Birch, President of the SCHS was present as a guest. Members present: Sue Richart, Lynn Wells, Bill Sebright, Kathy Berrigan, Susan Dechant, Joe Barreca, and Janet Thomas, secretary.

**Next Meeting:** Deer Park was selected for the next meeting place.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Sue moved and Bill seconded the approval of last month's meeting as corrected. Motion carried. A discussion regarding the need to keep hard copies of the minutes followed. It was agreed to keep a paper copy.

**Financial Report:** Sue presented the financial report. There is another donation for the HBC project.

**HBC:** Joe's report was reviewed. A copy is attached. Don Birch volunteered to contact Rick Nelson regarding historical guns.

Joe's report is attached and was discussed.

**Historic Colville Indian Agency:** The planned April function has been canceled. The September 22th meeting of school kids etc is on instead.

The report of the dating of the Agency cabin and the McCrea cabin and barn has been received. SCHS will look at an alternative reveal event since the April event is off. The video is still in progress. It should be shown at the September event.

The cost estimate for dirt for the cabin grounds was received and was about eight thousand dollars. A contractor from Chewelah has donated the fill and the top soil. We will still have to pay for gravel.

The company chinking the cabin announced they didn't have any donation hours available. Too bad, they couldn't finish it. So, a counter was made about contacting the company who had donated the materials to see if there was another company who could finish the job and by the way they can't use the cabin in their advertising if they didn't do the work. They called back saying they found the time after all. There isn't a lot of chinking left, but other work can't go on until it is done.

A contact was made with a brick mason to give an idea of cost for the chimneys so a grant could be written. He said he would, and he might just do it for no cost. He will be at the museum on Wednesday to look at the job.

**Research:** Sue has finished up to book G of the Commissioner's Journals. Extraction has been done through 1900.

Sue is on a quest to identify all of the school districts that have been in the county. Don Birch is helping with the project.

The current Assessor is not running for election again. Vicki in his office let Sue digitize some maps from their office.

Work is continuing on the building sheets.

**NEWGS:** The LPO Lakes book is out. Susan reminded us that the 1950 census will be released April 1. It will be electronically extracted.

They are now meeting in person. It is being well received.

**SCHS:** The Smokey Bear collection is being delivered and accessioned and much of it will be on display this season.

The square Grand Piano in the Keller House needs a new home so contact is being made with facilities in Wallace, Idaho, where it is reported to have been prior to being donated to SCHS. The original piano from the house, used by Anna Keller, is being returned.

Veteran's Court and the Colville PEO both want historical presentations. Sue will do both.

The museum will open daily, May 1, as usual.

**KFHS:** Joe reported for them. It is their 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the museum.

Clayton/Deer Park: There are several photo collections being received and added to their collection.

Plans are still being finalized for the move of the eagle to the park.

A woman called from Seattle about the bricks in her fireplace being from the Clayton brickyard.

The Clayton Drive-In is finally closed, for good it seems.

There are two changes in the historical society personnel. There is a new secretary. It is someone who owns Deer Park Printing. The other change is that Wally has retired from doing the Mortarboard.

Plans are being made for Clayton Days with a full program of events, as in the pre-Covid Days.

**NEWGS:** The LPO Lakes book is out and is selling well.

Susan announced that the 1950 census will be released April 1. It is being digitally extracted. It is uncertain how that will work

NEWGS is happily meeting in person.

Lynn: She is still working on family issues.

She reported on the Spokane Valley Museum. They are open several days a week and making improvements.

She also reminded everyone that History Link has lot of mistakes so if you are using it, you should check on the information.