

**Heritage Network Approved Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2009**

I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes

President De Pelan called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Colville Learning Center following a Prestini committee meeting.

Board members present: De Pelan, Grady Knight, Kathy Berrigan, Jackie Franks, Bill Sebright, Karen Meyer, Janet Thomas, Joe Barreca, Jo Nullet. Members present: Karen Struve, Glendine Leonard

Motion to approve October 19, 2009 meeting minutes made by Janet, Jackie 2nd, passed.

Correspondence: Cheney museum that lost a building to heavy snow last winter sent an address update.

II. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susan dropped off a printed report showing cash flow from 10/20/09-11/14/09 and account balances as of 11/14/09. Income of \$5,044 included two memberships and \$5000 of project income from the NPS work. The only expense was \$17.88 for telephone, for a total of \$5,026.12. The bank account includes \$1,521.52 remaining for Prestini and \$10,094.65 general funds. With \$50.28 in the Key Online PayPal account, total bank accounts equal \$11,666.45. Susan noted that we have a bill from Map Metrics for \$1500 for work on NPS project. Grady delivered his invoice for NPS work (DVDs).

III. Open Issues

Prestini: \$1225 was contributed by donors toward printing a book on Prestini. Since this is only a fraction of the cost, and we no longer have a sponsor for the book project, we must ask those donors what to do with their money (hold it, return it, redirect it?) Press releases are still being done under THN's "umbrella" for each member group holding an exhibit. An efficient way to handle posters would be to make one big poster with individual events listed, with more information on the Web page. Funds for such publicity comes through THN at this time – we could apply to the County for coverage of printing costs (hotel/motel tax money). The procedure is to get an estimate from the printer before work is done and submit the proposal to the County commissioners, along with any postage needed. Prestini exhibits are planned for Colville August 7 and 22 of 2010, and at Loon lake/Clayton August 14, 15, 21 and 22.

Grants: Grady asked about pursuing grants for video. The time limit on information (August 2010) affects commitment of museums (Clayton/Deer Park, Loon Lake, Colville). It would require an extension of commitment/access to info by those groups if asking for a grant. Colville may want to do something on its own which would be problematic if tied up with THN. Also there is the conflict of interest question if Grady applies. If done in the name of THN, it would be OK as long as the board made the final decision and signed off on it. (An alternative is for Grady to seek his own non-grant funding.) To discuss further.

Reseller's permit: With this we wouldn't have to pay sales tax when reselling items, to be used at "fund-raising events." (Sales taxes on videos might cost \$210-230 on a \$3,000 contract.) The tax laws now require labor in producing the video to be included when charging sales tax. Joe has a reseller's permit for Grady's work. The conclusion is that applying for a reseller's permit would be cost-effective for THN.

NPS The first two sets of videos are done, and there are more people to interview. Does Susan have the purchase order for the third set (\$5,000) from NPS yet? So far, the project averages \$1,000 per interview. It takes an hour to edit 6-10 minutes of discussion plus prep time and interview time.

Election: Vote on board member renewals next month – 4 expire this year, and some are being lost: Jeanne of Cutter, Lorinda, Scott, Judy, Susan Harris. If 6 meetings in a row are missed, the member can be removed without a special vote, as it's a by-law. Ten directors are needed. Karen Struve is willing to serve on the board. Discussion of eligibility of person for office who might also be an awardee of grant money; it would not be a conflict of interest if financial decisions are made by others.

Much reluctance was encountered in finding willing candidates for office due to overloaded directors, but holding quarterly meetings would be helpful. Joe Barreca is willing to serve as president as long as there is no conflict of interest, Janet vice-president, Kathy secretary with quarterly meetings. Check with Susan or other possible treasurer candidate. Notify membership by e-mail that without officers, the group would necessarily disband. The ballot needs to be made available the month before the meeting with a space for write-ins. Terms of office will begin in January, 2010.

No by-law changes are needed. Make an effort to bring back members who have drifted away. Moving to quarterly meetings might help. Preserve America money coming might provide incentive for returning to active membership; some money should be available outside the County in searching for history.

Preserve America: \$81,000 is coming through the County in the next six weeks but would not be available until January. Each museum is to be credited for information to put on the internet. History detectives who help with scanning will be paid for their time. Hours worked will need to be recorded. There will be three positions, including a consultant and managers. The commissioners will follow a list of 21 conditions to meet. Approval goes through NPS. THN will need a budget committee to keep track of Preserve America money to scrupulously avoid any conflict of interest. Joe would work for the County, but if THN should pay, he would need an extra step between him and THN.

IV . New Business

Spring Forum: Craig Newman of Colville National Forest e-mailed that he wants to come to a meeting to help plan a forum in the spring on outdoor rec and tourism. De invited him to come to the December meeting.

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Reprint: *Northport Pioneers* was recently reprinted by the Genealogical Society and is available on the Website or at Happy's Hallmark for \$27.95 plus tax.

The Chewelah Museum has a video documentary of Chewelah from 1992-1997 which we can buy for \$400-500.

Next meeting Monday, December 14 at 9:30 at the Colville Learning Center. Karen made the motion to change December's meeting date from the regular third Monday, Grady seconded, motion carried. No meetings in January or February.

Recorded by secretary Kathy Berrigan