

**Heritage Network Unapproved Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2010**

I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes

President Joe Barreca called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the KF Visitor Center.

Board members present: Joe Barreca, De Pelan, Susan Dechant, Grady Knight, Kathy Berrigan, Bill Sebright, Karen Meyer, Janet Thomas, Jackie Franks, Karen Struve, Ted and Dianne Eppler. Network members present: Glendine Leonard and David Keeley. Guests: Ken Hires, Murray Shoemaker. Motion to approve December 14, 2009 meeting minutes as corrected made by Bill, Susan seconded, passed.

II. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susan brought a printed report showing cash flow from 12/15/09-13/14/10 and account balances as of 3/14/10. Income of \$20 for the three months was for one membership renewal, and expenses came to \$95.17 for the business license, incorporation, Prestini Domain name and the telephone bill. The bank account includes \$1,505.27 remaining designated for Prestini and \$5,431.43 general funds. With \$50.28 in the Key Online PayPal account, total bank accounts equal \$6,986.98. The resellers permit was held up until the business license is in hand. The business license is in process; the application lists officer info. An invoice went to NPS, and money is to come, and bills for \$1,500 and \$3,000 - Map Metrics and g2Video (also \$53.80 for 5 DVDs for interviewees). Karen made a motion to approve both bills, Susan S. seconded, passed. Joe, Susan D. and Janet are on the bank signature card.

In the Prestini project as of March 14, 2010, donations account for \$2,825 plus \$1,000 from grants. Expenses stand at \$2,319.73, for a total overall of \$1,505.27.

Discussion of dues reminders: Colville Museum's method works well – sending an invoice. Susan keeps a spreadsheet listing dues payments. The best way to hand mid-year payments may be sending a partial bill and then start fresh in April with annual dues thereafter due that month. The invoice could also be accompanied by a newsletter. Joe volunteered to do the mailing of dues notices.

Discussion of THN phone listing, used occasionally.

III. Open Issues

Prestini: Glendine reported that the Prestini committee met. They recommend sending a letter to donors to the Prestini book/DVD fund asking what to do with their money, now that no book or DVD is likely to be produced. A release is needed for THN's obligation if no DVD or book is planned. Money is the limiting factor, and *the Spokesman-Review* would not commit money to the project. Unless there is a commitment to extend the project, we would close it at the end of August. Grady has spent hundreds of hours on the project without compensation. He is waiting to ask for a grant if there is no commitment beyond August.

The official Heritage Network project is to publicize and put on two shows in August. It is hoped that after the shows and a tour, more money would come in to continue the project. Ask donors if they are willing to allow their money to be used toward show publicity, postcard mailing, etc. In any case, we need to make a budget and track donations. The committee is to meet again on April 8 to discuss the budget. County money for advertising might help, and any THN money. Cost of publishing a book depends on size, use of colors, number of pages, number printed, etc. The committee will present figures. There will be a press release for publishing in member groups' newsletters.

Terra Cotta eagle: The eagle made in the Clayton terra cotta plant in 1922 was on the Armory, then moved to Geiger Field, and is now in storage in Deer Park. Knight's Construction was responsible for moving it, which was no small task at 8-9 feet wide and high. Donations are being sought to restore the eagle and have it mounted with a plaque, hopefully in time for Clayton Days, August 7. Jim Knight would help with the pedestal base, and there will be a flagpole with it near the entrance to town (which also makes a dramatic entrance to the County). Check *Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society. com*.

Oral History: Article in newspaper. Film from Ceremony of Tears to come in, and will transfer film for museum. We have a purchase order number for the interviews that have been done; interview with Frieda Weaver done. Another thing done was Palmer info addition on Coulee Dam. The project is about complete without money yet assigned that NPS has.

Preserve America: Joe recently received an e-mail that by the end of March money and information is to come in, after receiving the same notices about January. One thing that needs to be done is to track in-kind contributions after the start date. Joe is to speak to various groups on the project.

Tourism: WA Museum Assn. survey had questions about attendance at museums. Tri-County tourism brings in \$53 million/year. Judy Walden recently spoke in Chewelah on tourism. One point brought up was that the old-style museums (static displays) struggle, while the interactive/computer-aware museums are booming. Young people, especially, are attracted by the interactive museums. Taking steps toward modern displays would be productive here too, and Clayton is trying digital picture frames. Joe is putting together the medical history of Mt. Carmel Hospital with digital frames.

Equipment Storage: The cabinet for storing THN's equipment at the Colville museum is not ready yet.

IV . New Business

Group opinions: Joe asked what excites each person about their organization's area of interest now:

Kathy/Kettle Falls: The potential to make the public aware of the importance of Kettle Falls through centuries of history . . . for example, signs to point out where David Thompson worked on his canoes as he explored in the early 1800s. The challenge of educating people about historical sites now under water.

Dave Keeley/Kettle Falls: The registering of historic buildings around town. Having the completed Visitor Center which is itself a replica of an old railroad station, and tying it in to the scenic by-way.

Jackie/Valley: The growing interest in tourism with emphasis on the town's history.

De: Noted that the railroad was a huge part of the development of our early towns, and that summer tourists seem more interested in history than the locals are. She is working on a book.

Harold: Arrowheads can still be found where the Snake River enters the Columbia River.

Bill/Clayton: The importance of the Website with about 2000 inquiries a month.

Janet/Colville: Family roots tend to grow deeper as we learn more about them. Study of early pioneers and forts, noting that development came more from the north than the east, unlike most areas of the West.

Grady: His new Website, www.VisitStevens.com, aims to list every museum, business and events. Plans include ghost towns, old mines, hunting, etc.

Eppers/Hunters: There is more genealogy interest. Noted that people have different versions of past events. Some challenges: need school classes to visit as part of learning their history (only 3 visits in last ten years). Need for active board members.

Susan D.: More and more information on genealogy is being made available, along with photos. She was pleasantly surprised by donations from people in Germany.

Jo/Kettle Falls: Area of particular interest – late 1800s to now. The old Pine Cone Annual from Daisy High School from 1911 (yes, a high school at Daisy!)

Joe: The rock show in Colville March 26-27 has for its theme, Stories in Stone. Another opportunity to tie in geology stories to history of the area, so much of it tied to mining. Cemetery stones also carry stories.

Cultural Tourism: This includes day- to-day life, farming, activities, ghost towns. Try to personalize things for visitors. The typical pattern for visitors is 3 meals, 3 activities and sleep. Every business should be able to recommend one activity. Keep maps up to date, with hours that a place is open especially. Joe has an on-line map with info on towns. Loop tours should have a reason to take the tour. An example of a well-done tourist guide is the Mile Post book on Alaska listing sites and interesting facts. Roadside history of Stevens County is a goal. Identify sources of info - who lived where, who knew and said what, when. List waterfalls.

Women's History: A program, "The Big Noise," on March 22 deals with women's suffrage. On March 24 there is a program in Olympia on the same topic.

History Dollar: Susan S. reminds us of the upcoming Home and Garden Show with a presentation on Evergreen Cemetery at 2 p.m. Watch for the TV show, "Who Do You Think You Are?"

Old Buildings: 'New' at Colville museum: There are now pictures of old Kettle Falls at the entryway, and the post office display has steps from the P.O. in old Kettle Falls, as well as items from the old Northport P.O.

The Odd Fellows building in Rice is for sale.

The old log building and its contents down the street from the Chewelah museum was offered to Colville museum to keep it out of private hands. Note that Barbara Swanson is not leaving after all.

Fifty properties have been inventoried in Kettle Falls for the historic register. Ask LuAnn Atherly to make a Power Point presentation on them for our annual meeting.

Next THN meeting, our annual meeting is Monday, April 19 at 9:30 at the Colville Learning Center.

Recorded by secretary Kathy Berrigan