

**Heritage Network Approved Annual Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2010**

I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes

President Joe Barreca called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Colville Learning Center. Joe notified members of the annual meeting with an e-mail newsletter. Before sending out a dues request, he wants to discuss the benefits to members of THN membership.

Board members present: Joe Barreca, De Pelan, Susan Dechant, Grady Knight, Kathy Berrigan, Bill Sebright, Karen Meyer, Janet Thomas, Jackie Franks, Karen Struve, Dianne Eppler, Jo Nullet, Harold Ingram. Network member present: Glendine Leonard. Guests: Russ of Historical Preservation Commission

Motion to approve March 15, 2010 meeting minutes as corrected made by Glendine, Jackie 2nd, passed.

Correspondence: THN received a pamphlet announcing a Masonry and Restoration Workshop in Ritzville May 14-15.

II. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Susan brought a printed report showing cash flow from 3/14/10-4/16/10 and account balances as of 4/16/10. Income included 7 memberships and \$5,000 in NPS project money. \$4,553.80 went to Joe (Map Metrics) and Grady (g2Video) for their work on the project, and the telephone bill brought total expenses to \$4,571.71. That left a balance of \$570.29. The bank account includes \$1,505.27 remaining designated for Prestini (unchanged) and \$6,001.72 general funds. With \$50.28 in the Key Online PayPal account, total bank accounts equal \$7,557.27. The resellers permit and business license have been received, which will be kept at the Colville museum. The whole process for license/permit necessitated filing 4 years' worth of financial reports.

III. Open Issues

Prestini: Project income came to \$3,825 including \$1,000 from grants. G2Video was paid. Regarding money donated for the book and DVD not happening now, if all the money were returned, the professional services paid for would leave a negative balance. Lorinda and Karen each donated \$250; the Loon Lake Historical Society would like its money back. Or those funds could go to the Loon Lake exhibit of Prestini's work in August.

The County could be asked for money to fund Leno's exhibits or at least the advertising (requests from each group involved). Also a letter from the Network can be sent to the County to request money for mailings (postcards, printing, postage, etc.). Check on County requirements. Note that Loon Lake has already made their request for such money and has not yet heard back. Colville applied for hotel/motel tax money from the City for show costs. The poster De made lists three exhibits: Clayton's August 14, 15, 21, 22; Colville's August 7-22, Loon Lake August 14, 15, 21, 22. If sending out info, mention all three shows. List chronologically on the poster. Show copy to Colville. In publicity mention that Leno was a local artist; add a little info on him. Colville could add a Prestini flyer to their newsletter, and the info could be used by others as well. Send out in June ideally.

The *Silverado* may do an article on Prestini which would reach 17,000 households. Shows could also be publicized on NW Profile, Channel 4 perhaps. News articles provide the most affordable coverage. Ask businesses to sponsor? TV donate time? Set up an info booth at Chataqua and put out flyers? THN needs to do public service announcements as a non-profit. The Prestini committee welcomes ideas. We need a budget and a timetable for publicity from the committee by next meeting.

When exactly to return materials needs to be determined. Loon Lake, Colville and Clayton each have a different completion date for the Prestini project. Exhibits could spark more interest in Prestini, which might extend the project beyond 2010. Discussion of concluding the project in the fall, possibly restarting with a new committee vs. continuing in the fall if there is renewed interest from the exhibits and publicity. A new budget and plan would seem necessary in either case. It could continue as THN project or as individual group projects. A motion was made by Glendine to begin a new project in October, seconded by Joan Nullet. Those who voted favored the motion, but several abstained, preferring to continue the committee's work once the results of the shows and publicity are known, if things look promising. Many seemed to want to wait and see before deciding. The original project included research and finding more Prestini items, besides producing the book and DVDs.

Oral History: Joe and Grady finished DVDs and submitted them to the NPS. They are always finding more people to interview, but more funding will be needed to continue.

Preserve America: The project is on hold because of delays. After we hear their decision, there is still more paperwork, approval and setting a commencement date. (Preserve America goal is to help with such things as preserve research, planning, interpretation, etc. and have it pay for itself.)

IV. New Business

On-line Store: Grady has been working on the on-line store where books and DVDs can be listed. Any group can add items to sell. Give him images, descriptions and prices plus postage (\$3.50 basic rate plus \$1.50 per item S&H, plus tax on all). Program for destination-based sales tax was written. He will save buyer info. Checks would go to THN which then will go to vendor less 15%. Each vendor pays the sales tax. Items are to be bought as retail – if they want wholesale items, they can go to the source. Forward such requests to vendor. Research is considered a “service” for tax purposes, and is no longer tax-exempt. Grady can make program changes without starting over from scratch. Date of sale, location code, destination can be tracked, another benefit to member groups. Let him know if inventory runs out.

E-mail list: Joe will have an up-dated e-mail list of members ready soon. KF Library is not using its old e-mail address – use Joan's. Let Grady know about any changes.

Benefits of Membership in THN: Look at the list done earlier on why join THN, which can provide something to send out with dues request. Also the number of visitors is helpful with amount of donations to compare results from being THN member. Since THN is still in its formative stage (4 years old), it may not be reasonable to expect a large jump in visitor numbers yet. Karen S. pointed out that small groups need help now and may not last another 5 years. Consider holding events at the struggling ones to get visitors in the door.

What are funds from dues/store proceeds to be used for? Use to help members? Group advertising benefits all. Grant program by THN is for members. THN is not a foundation collecting from the community for non-members. Need to check on fine points as private non-profit.

The map is popular. Update each group's info – write own content. Grady can create a page for any group without a Website, and can direct a link to one if made. There is a form to fill out for adding Website info with hours and days facility is open. List museum/library events for www.VisitStevens.com. Each museum has a section. E-mail Grady with newsletter type info with any photos – the service is free. (THN quit using Wiki because of frequent hacking.)

Discussion of other benefits included research on-line. Colville now charges \$15 for looking up research in the museum if it takes some time to do. It is helpful to all use the same program and data base, and use one Website.

A benefit Janet mentioned was receiving Windows 7 professional upgrade, \$600 worth discounted. Other upgrades/licenses come in at much lower costs than regular retail. One has to register to receive such benefits, and an organization's credit card can be used, or an individual's.

Russ of Historical Preservation Commission of Colville said there are 2 vacancies on the Commission. It might benefit by THN advertising. Communication between groups is our most valuable asset.

History Dollars: Susan D.: *Old Dominion Mine that Saved Colville (and Jimmie Durkin)* book by Pat Graham for sale.

Jackie brought photos of Valley, hotel and saloon, blacksmith.

Joe visited Ft. Vancouver where the artifacts excavated at Kettle Falls by David Chance are stored away in a box, not on display. NPS has control of them. The fur trader's store there is interesting. It is the rebuilt fort at the junction of Highway 14 and I5.

Program: Meeting concluded with a Power Point presentation on old buildings in Kettle Falls.

Next regular THN meeting is Monday, May 17 at 9:30 at the Loon Lake Historical Society's Old Schoolhouse.

Recorded by secretary Kathy Berrigan