

**Heritage Network Approved Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 2010**

**I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes**

President Joe Barreca called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at Chewelah City Hall.

Board members present: Joe Barreca, Susan Dechant, De Pelan, Kathy Berrigan, Bill Sebright, Grady Knight, Joan Nullet, Karen Meyer, Karen Struve, Harold Ingram Network member present: Glendine Leonard Guest: Tracy Ferrell

Motion to approve June 21, 2010 meeting minutes as corrected made by De, seconded by Bill, passed.

**II. Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's reports for May and June were combined, showing cash flow from 5/16/10-7/19/10 and account balances as of 7/19/10. Twelve memberships were renewed and one new one came in, for a total of \$265. To avoid future bank charges for Canadian funds, make a note on member forms to please pay in US funds. Letters were productive in producing membership renewals. Expenses included bank charges, dues, phone bill and travel for Joe, altogether totaling \$192.54, for a negative cash flow of \$926.54. The bank accounts came to \$6,338.89.

Prestini project income included \$1,325 in donations and \$1,000 grant money. \$1,000 of Prestini funds were returned to the Loon Lake Historical Society. Prestini expenses included domain name \$16.25, postage \$41 and professional services \$2,262.48. Regarding the \$5.27 balance left in the Prestini fund, De made a motion to absorb that small amount into the general fund, Bill seconded, motion passed.

Signed up for Central Contract Registration (CCR) through which the oral history project is handled.

**III. Open Issues**

**Prestini project:** The Prestini committee met to discuss expanded coverage of Prestini in *the North Columbia Monthly*. The original cost estimate of \$1,300 has since been lowered. No official application for THN mini-grant funds was made for this coverage. It could be supported from the general fund instead. Jo made a motion, Grady seconded to take \$1,000 from the THN **general fund** for the *North Columbia Monthly* section, rather than using our mini-grant for that purpose. Passed unanimously. A pre-vote was taken due to the need for Steve Rumsey to move ahead with the August copy. Before it goes to press, it needs a review of copy, recheck dates, etc. which Karen and De will do. E-mail any corrections to De in 24 hours.

Emily (wife or daughter of Jack Nisbet) did work on the cover for the special section. Stapling in the special section was cheaper than making a separate one. It cost 21 cents per copy to make with the Prestini section. In addition to the regular distribution, copies can be given out at the exhibits of his work and put in other publications.

The Colville exhibit will be held in the building near Les Schwab at 526 S Main. THN folders can be put on tables at Prestini exhibits.

**THN mini-grant/Chewelah building:** Does the mini-grant need to be awarded to a person or group rather than an internal sub-group of THN? There is a concern that the mini-grant will fall by the wayside if money is rerouted for other uses. Janet has applied for funds for the historic Chewelah building. It is advisable to not spend any money until all paperwork is completed. The family didn't want to donate the building to the City lest the property be changed. No one else came forward, but local people are starting to show interest.

THN can provide interim help. Not sure how much involvement the city will provide. Need a specific list of needs, and once that is done we can choose what we (THN) want to do. Restoration/repairs would be the likely choice, not maintenance such as mowing. Motion by De to table a decision till next month, Karen S. seconded, when a specific project to restore/repair can be outlined in detail with cost estimate. Passed. The funds would be paid out after completion of the work and a report of what was done presented. July will be the annual deadline for the mini-grant.

**Chewelah Museum:** Tracy Ferrell with the City of Chewelah said their museum is “in limbo” right now, and the Historical Society is not associated with the City, but the museum building is owned by Chewelah. She plans to meet with Jackie to discuss inventory, management of donations and 501-3 C status. Tracy said that historic preservation association in Chewelah is a goal.

**Oral Histories:** Discussion of latest \$5,000 oral history grant with NPS. Grady would prefer to handle the interviews himself, and will prioritize the candidates. Again, this includes the transcription process. Oral histories can go into Preserve America archives. The subject matter is not strictly limited to Old Kettle and can include anyone displaced by rising water from Grand Coulee Dam. Susan D. made a motion to approve going ahead with the oral history project with Grady in charge, De seconded; motion passed with Grady abstaining.

**Preserve America:** The committee reviewing job applicants is to meet next week to consider people for 3 positions: consultant, budget coordinator, Internet tech. Joe applied for the coordinator position and may also be able to work part time as Internet tech nice the coordinator is a half time position. Hiring will probably do one around August 1.

Joe would like to go over the Kootenai Trail (Tiger highway) with Carl Putnam. Grady is to meet with the tribal archeologist.

**THN maps:** New maps with updated museum information are ready to put on our Website. These will be available for downloading and can be easily changed on line.

**Spokane House:** Invite Lynn with Spokane House to join THN. This is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Spokane House, with David Thompson’s anniversary in 2011. After Prestini exhibits, we will turn our attention to David Thompson.

**Request:** Jo Nullet’s son is going through an estate and needs advice from a knowledgeable knife collector.

**History Dollar:** Joe found “The Great Influenza” by John Barry to be an interesting discussion of history of medicine up to 1918.

The meeting ended with Joe narrating his hospital **slide show**, A Spirit of Healing, which can be viewed in the lobby of Mount Carmel Hospital. It is worth noting that more people died from diseases before and during the early 1900s than from battle. Military Fort Colville had a hospital of its own off to one corner of the compound (1859).

**Archives:** Grady is making available a collection of nearly 1,000 Grand Coulee Dam pictures covering 36 years from 1933 to 1969, from *the Statesman-Examiner* archives. He brought 3 copies of a DVD with more to be available next meeting day.

**Next regular THN meeting is Monday, August 16 at 9:30 a.m. at the Loon Lake Old Schoolhouse.**

*Recorded by secretary Kathy Berrigan*