

Heritage Network Approved Meeting Minutes October 18, 2010

I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes

President Joe Barreca called the meeting to order at the KF Fire Hall at 1:30 PM following the David Thompson group meeting. After their meeting, Don Lindberg and Rowena McIntosh took several of the Thompson group for a tour around the St. Paul's Mission-portage-Historical Center area. That group expressed pleasure at the enthusiasm for the event shown by the local people.

Board members present: Joe Barreca, Susan Dechant, Kathy Berrigan, Jackie Franks, Janet Thomas, Karen Struve, Grady Knight Guest: Lynn Wells of Friends of Spokane House Harold Ingram attended the first meeting.

Motion to approve September 20, 2010 meeting minutes as corrected made by Susan, seconded by Joe, passed.

II. Treasurer's Report

Susan prepared a printed report showing cash flow from 9/21/10-10/17/10 and account balances as of 10/17/10. Cash flow report: There were no deposits to report, and expenses for computer supplies, PO box rent and telephone bill came to \$156.11, leaving a negative cash flow of \$156.11. THN bank accounts came to \$5,309.15. She noted that Grady has completed the latest NPS oral history grant and submitted his bill for \$8,160. NPS needs an invoice for \$9,000; money will be deposited in THN account for Grady and THN (to get \$900). The resulting DVDs come with flash videos and PDF files searchable by word, as well as printable. Jackie made a motion, seconded by Karen to approve payment. Motion passed.

III. Open Issues

Prestini project: No one from Loon Lake or Clayton was on hand today to provide information on costs and visitor numbers at their shows. The ultimate goal, to expose Prestini's work to the public, was met. His works can be incorporated into other events, and a significant body of info has been accumulated.

Preserve America: As of this meeting day, nothing has happened since the interviews were completed. Discussion of concerns of commissioners, librarians and NPS – the money at stake if the work is not completed in the allotted time.

THN mini-grant/cabin: Janet transferred the title at the end of September and took care of the ending bills. An application was submitted to the Secretary of State regarding annual property taxes. She contacted the building inspector about repairs; he will issue a permit if work is to go beyond taking up some floorboards. A local cabinet maker can mill any needed boards. Checking on liability insurance. An open house will be planned that might include the NEW Start people meeting on Chewelah Mtn. Barbara Dugan, granddaughter of McPhersons, donated cabin documents to the Genealogical Society which is passing them along.

Oral Histories/storage: DVD with two discs per set cost \$20, searchable, could be sold to members for \$25; consider charging non-members more. Get a set for THN to store. We could put a sample DVD, such as Mary Gifford's, on line and offer others for sale by name. Grady demonstrated how to search by word.

There is Bureau of Reclamation money that comes through NPS for these oral history grants, and Grady said Grand Coulee has "all sorts of grant money available." Signs for old military roads and historic sites in the county should be grant-worthy.

We had discussed storage for THN inventory some months back, but there is not a cabinet of our own yet, just room for one. Jackie made a motion authorizing Joe to find and purchase a storage cabinet up to \$200, Susan seconded; motion passed. Note that THN needs someone to inventory THN stuff and list where everything is located.

Oral History classes: Janet said there is training on basics of archives for amateurs on Oct. 21 next to the field house in Cheney. There is an oral history conference workshop Nov. 3-5 with the Pacific NW Oral History Association in Spokane. Registration is \$195. This year's theme: women's history.

Computer program: Grady found basic museum software that is free, or advanced premier software with purchase of a book from a programmer. It is a true data base that ties things together but requires some knowledge to use. It is for organizing photos, clips, etc. There are videos on line to help with Past Perfect.

History Dollars: NEWGS has put out a history calendar which costs \$10.71 including tax.

Next regular THN meeting at Clayton Grange on November 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Recorded by secretary Kathy Berrigan