

The Heritage Network
Board of Directors
April 21, 2014

Present: Sue Richart, Russell Larsen, De Pelan, Bill Sebright, Jackie Franks, Lynn Wells, Jim Lapinski, Jo Nullet, Jo Barreca, Kathy Barrigan, Karen Struve, Judy Bitton and Susan Dechant.

Meeting: President Joe called the meeting to order at 9:30 at the Colville Public Library.

Minutes of the last meeting: Bill made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting and Sue seconded the motion, motion carried.

Next meeting: the next meeting will be held at Valley at the Columbia Virtual Academy on the Valley School District campus.

Treasurer's Report: Sue submitted the financial report, copy attached.

Colville Military Road: Janet reported on the Road in Don's absence. It is progressing well. The gps locations are being photographed in this phase. They will be passed on to Joe next who will do whatever it is he does (sorry, I can't describe it). He will report on it when it is his turn to work on the data. Landowners have been very cooperative and interested in the road traversing their property. They have gladly given permission to Don to go onto their property and to take photographs.

Cabin: SCHS is applying for a capital improvement grant from the state. The grant is for \$100,000 and will take care of the phase of the project that stabilizes and preserves the cabin.

NPS Videos: Joe is having fits with billing for the last half of the grant. He is following through with a very complicated federal system for payment.

Discussion was held about duplicating them and the fees for copying. Joe will research how to make it all happen easily.

State Archives/Crossroads: First we went through a lot of work getting the Archive set up to be compatible with the State Archives. Stevens County doesn't seem very interested in maintaining the Archive but haven't turned it over to anyone, such as THN.

Now they, the State Archives, wants to have copies of the entire Archive. They have done the preliminary work to receive it. Joe sent a secured box to them including a copy.

Sue is still working on the Commissioner's Journals. They will be added to the Crossroads Archive.

Organizations: This is the subject of this year's emphasis of THN. Karen and Susan prepared a list of local organizations. We will keep adding to the list and putting information together as a historical archive of organizations that were in the area.

Around the table:

Kettle Falls Historical Center: Had a big cleanup day. They are not doing the student art and writing contest this year. They will open mid-May. They will probably not be open every day.

NEWS: Nice article in the April 2, 2014 Statesman Examiner about the Veteran's Monument and about the men who died while working on the Dam.

Evergreen Cemetery remains a priority project. Gordon Struve has done lots of work this spring and Laura Rose and Gordon are working on a data base for the graves.

SCHS: Funding for the greeter coordinator was funded. It is hoped that it will resolve the issue of not having enough greeters. The landscaping project is going well. The next step is coordinating with the City on the parking lot and the boundary survey. City staff and SCHS staff will be meeting and looking at the property and the various issues. The museum will be opening in May 1. It is still a little shaky about the being able to meet the schedule. The Big Burn is a book that the Libraries of Stevens County is featuring with activities this next week related to the subject. On Saturday there will be a tour of the Lookout at the Keller Heritage Center from 1-4.

Clayton/Deer Park: They will continue the Brickyard Days again this year. It will revolve around the Clayton Grange. It will include a quilt show. First Saturday in August.

Someone donated a 1915 Deer Park High School year book. It was the first one ever done as the school opened in 1911.

Loon Lake: The School House is open Saturday mornings.

Valley: Gabriel Cruden has been very involved. Spring fling is a school event where historical photos etc will be on display. It will be held on the grounds of the Valley Schools.

Chewelah: May 3 is a cleanup day for the Chewelah Museum. They hope to open Memorial Day weekend. The schedule is uncertain.

City of Colville: Historic Preservation Committee is concentrating on Rendezvous but there are no details to report yet.

Kettle Falls Library: They are participating in the *one book* project which is The Big Burn previously referenced. They had Rod Fosback come for a speaking engagement about lookouts.

Knights of Pythias: Richard Swim, Past Chancellor Commander, gave a history of the organization at the local, domain and national levels. He gave the history of Damon and Pythias also. Their great friendship and loyalty is the basis of the organization. They are not a service order, but do work in the community although they help out in many causes in which they are interested.

They own the property on Colville Mountain where the cross is located. The reflective paint on the cross allows it to be lit with just one light.

The local lodge is Isaac I. Stevens, chartered in Nov 1907. The Colville Lodge is the largest in the Washington Domain which includes a large part of the Pacific Northwest.

Duane Scott, one of their long time members, is active in the domain level and has held many offices since he joined in 1975. Duane joined the group following the presentation (due to an emergency he was not able to attend sooner).

History Dollar: Joe Barreca passed around a copy of a photograph of an activity at Rice in 1914. It was donated by Joe Driggs.

Camera: Sue will check on the cost of replacing the camera body.