

The Heritage Network
Board of Director
April 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Joe at the Colville Public Library basement. Joe introduced our guest and individuals introduced themselves.

Present: Russell Larsen, Joe Barreca Lynn Wells, Bill Sebright, De Pelan, Sue Richart, Kathy Berrigan, Jo Nullet, Karen Struve, Susan Dechant, Don McLaughlin, Janet Thomas, and David Strohmaier, Guest presenter.

Next Meeting: The group agreed to have the May meeting at the Kettle Falls Historical Center.

Minutes of the last meeting: Corrections were made verbally and in writing. Susan moved and Russ seconded approval as corrected. Motion carried,

Financial Report: Treasurer, Sue, presented the financial report to the group.

Next Exit History: David Strohmaier representing Next Exit History told and showed the group about their company's work. This group has an app for smart phones that shows travelers how to find historical sites. The information is designed to give a glimpse of the site to entice travelers to actually visit the site and to locate it easily. www.nextexithistory.com

He presented information about the program they have to offer and showed something of what has been done, particularly with Pend Oreille County.

He did a question and answer time for discussion of the details of how the app works and the costs.

Cabin: The state budget now includes all of the originally recommended projects. The budget is not yet passed and signed by the Governor so everything is still uncertain.

HB1107: It is wandering around the house and senate and it doesn't look promising. It is apparently enabling legislation and even if it passes there would have to be local approval of an addition to the sales tax to fund historical items.

THN Anniversary: An article was in both the Silverado and the Statesman Examiner. A discussion was held about Silverado subscriptions.

State Archives: Joe is still working on it and thinking there maybe a little progress.

History Dollar: Jo reported that the KF City Hall received a picture of a dog tag from 1893 that was found in Texas.

Around the table:

NEWS: At the Evergreen Cemetery some small trees have been taken down and it is looking good. There are several trees that are in danger of falling. There is a lot of drug dealing going on there so be careful of the SW corner if you go out.

Susan thinks she may have found the name of the last man to die when Coulee Dam was being made. The last names are from the 3rd Powerhouse construction.

Susan wanted to know how the term Constable was used in this area in the 1800's. She has received an inquiry from someone. Lynn Wells provided some information.

Loon Lake: The Schoolhouse is open now and will be converting the store into a museum to display items people have donated.

Sue Richart: Reported on her projects, one with the Forest Service and one with Washington Rural Heritage. We looked at her site about the lookouts.

Sue is still working on the WIKI page for Fort Colville Fort Walla Walla Military Road. The WIKI people have made suggestions about how to do it and Sue is making changes.

Clayton-Deer Park: Bill got a contact from someone who has two Prestini Gold Pans. He gave them pictures and offered them for display at events etc. He told a few brief stories about Leno.

Kettle Falls Historical Center: The center opens the 15th of May. Jack Nesbit will be speaking on the 16th at 1:00. There is no fee to attend.

Stevens County Historical Society: The museum is opening May 1. There are changes in some of the displays.

SCHS is sponsoring a Flea Market/Yard Sale on May 2. The Food bank is not having theirs this year so this will fill some of the gap in the community,

Janet reported that she may have a home for the tables from the lobby of the Post Office. They were part of the original equipment when the PO was placed on the National Register.

The board will be throwing around ideas about the name of the cabin They have been using The Historic Colville Indian Agency Cabin. That does not include any reference to the McPherson family and there is some concern about offending other tribes. It is hoped that the formal and official name can be decided soon.

Lynn Wells: Lynn is working on a project of meeting with local historians (in the Four Mound area) and some are coming up with photo albums and information. She doesn't know where the project will lead.

Joe: Is working on a website about historical and other types of sites.

Don McLaughlin: He will be doing a tour in August for the Westerners International. The subject this year is the Indians of the Columbia Plateau. It is open to others as well as members of the Westerners. Call Inland Empire Tours, 747-1335 to make reservations. The fee is around \$100 per person which includes the tour, the tour guide and lunch on the Kalispel Reservation.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at noon.