

The Heritage Network

Board Meeting

May 18, 2015

Meeting: President Joe called the meeting to order at 9:40 at the Kettle Falls Interpretive Center. Present were Joe Barreca, Sue Richart, Jo Nullet, Karen Struve, Susan Dechant, Kathy Berrigan, Don Mc Laughlin and Janet Thomas

Minutes: The content seemed OK, but some typos were corrected. Sue moved and Susan seconded that the minutes be approved with the typos corrected.

Next Meeting: Chewelah will host the meeting at the City Hall on June 15.

Financial Report: Sue presented the financial report.

Cabin: Waiting for the grant. The Kalispel tribal archaeologist is volunteering his time for the dig which will be the last two weeks in June. Don is mowing.

HB 1107: Still no word

State Archives: Still waiting. Joe continues to hear from the Archives about them working on something about photographs.

WMA: Members discussed the possibility of sharing materials (artifacts) from the area. Joe will check it out a little more and see if it is practical to participate.

Statesman Examiner: Sue contacted the Statesman Examiner about their non-profit Fact Book. She picked up the flyer about it. A discussion was held about possibility of participating. Karen moved that we do a ½ page add and Don seconded. Motion carried. Joe will put an ad together.

Around the table:

NEWGS - On Memorial Day they will add two names to the military monument. The ceremony will be at 2:00 PM at the monument at the courthouse with the VFW will officiate. There will be a cleanup tomorrow followed by mowing and weed whacking. There is another dead tree. NW Tree Service said it is better to take it out sooner than later due to the condition of the tree after time.

Karen will host a yard sale to benefit the cemetery. It will be 8:00 into the afternoon. Donations welcome.

History dollar – Karen and Susan went on a road trip to Coulee City. The mayor and council people seem serious about replacing the monument that was started years ago and never finished. It would honor those who died during the construction of the dam and the third powerhouse. So far 81 people have been identified and another man who died there from an industrial accident following the construction.

Kettle Falls Historical Center – Jack Nisbet opened the season with a lecture.

There is an art and a writing contest going on.

June 5 and 6 is Fur Trade History Days will be held with the Friends of Spokane House reenactment people will be participating.

Chewelah: The cultural arts organization bought the armory for a performing arts center etc. The cultural district is still being considered. The swimming pool is being removed with the land being used as a green zone.

Don attended the no-profit conference. Very few organizations were representing the historical organizations.

SCHS – The museum is open for the most part. Cal Davis who worked last year with Bruce on the grounds and lookout tour and was also a tour guide was hired. This is from a grant and is to support greeters etc. He is also working with a Boy Scout eagle project.

Pictures were donated from the Schmidt family. There are some important historic pictures in the collection.

The landscaping project is continuing although slow due to the architect.

There was a break in of the house attempted in the early morning hours of April 25th. They also broke in to some of the outbuildings. Although nothing was stolen some damage was done.

Joe – Joe is working on a web site about trails in the area.

Joe has talked to the Next-Exit site who met with THN last month. The ideas were intriguing to the group, but of course the money was an issue. Perhaps a grant for the entire network would be worthwhile to pursue.

Sue – History Dollar - She is working on the next part of the Forest Service grant. Of particular interest is the various work projects that were available during the depression.

Kettle Falls Public Library – They have a photo panel display available because they are downsizing the amount of pictures from their collection that is on display. They are downsizing and the new building won't have room for it.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Janet Thomas, Secretary