

## **Heritage Network Meeting Minutes March 17, 2008**

### **I. Call to Order**

In absence of Janet Thomas, Lorinda Travis called to order the regular meeting at 10 AM at the Newport Museum.

### **II. Roll Call**

Those present: Lorinda Travis, Susan Dechant, Elaine Clough, Kathy Berrigan, De Pelan, Susan Harris, Karen Meyer, Bill Sebright, Joe Barreca, Loyce Akers, Harold Ingram, Grady Knight, Evelyn Reed, Warren LaVille, Faith McClenny

### **III. Treasurer's Report**

Susan D. reported a balance of \$2,435.29 in the bank account (with \$712.59 of that designated to the Prestini project). Donations came to \$453 and memberships to \$190. Expenses totaled \$1,295.78. Rural Resources Digital Project has \$1,208.81 remaining of the original \$8,687. If the Prestini project continues to progress, the Loon Lake Society plans to donate \$1,000 followed by an additional \$1,000 during the next two years. \$225 more came in from a dues payment request. Check on increase in credit card processing fee up from \$5 to \$20. Grady will submit a bill next month for \$597.18. There is still no paperwork on the software donation from last year. Treasurer's report approved.

### **IV. Open Issues**

**Minutes:** Approved as corrected. Efforts are being made to get the minutes out efficiently by e-mail or posted on the Web site.

**Election:** Lorinda presented the changes to the by-laws (printed in blue ink) to be adopted next meeting, minus the sentence about voting by mail, e-mail or in person. Motion to adopt those changes as revised, by Susan H., seconded by Bill S., motion passed. Method of voting can be determined at annual meeting or in November before election, and allowing for write-in candidates from the Heritage Network membership list. In April replace board members whose terms expire this year (see chart of board members and their terms). Karen M, De P. and Susan H. will serve on the nominating committee for board and officers.

**Attendance:** Discussion of allowing "virtual attendance" via conference call for those having trouble traveling to winter meetings. Susan H. will check with Carol Graham about an inexpensive way to do that with a speaker phone.

**Annual Meeting:** The membership committee will send out notices about the annual meeting. If your group would like to host a meeting of the Network, e-mail your preference for a month by April if possible. Show DVD that Scott made (10 minutes) and Grady's at the meeting. April is History Month in Colville with speakers slated for each week. The contact persons for speakers are Elaine and Susan. Consider using one of the speakers for our meeting program. Karen and Elaine will chair the planning for the annual meeting.

**Task list:** Note under grant category: Susan Harris' husband, Ken Stocks, is an experienced grant writer. Susan said she could be a "grant researcher" in conjunction with Porta. There may be a way to assign an administrative fee for managing a grant.

**Preserve America:** In looking for info on the Kalispel Trail, Joe found a book called *Parsnips, Rutabagas and Love* about Park Rapids history and the Kegel family. He met with the Stevens County commissioners about handling donation money, which Tim Gray said he could handle with a committee to approve.

spending. Joe is also meeting with groups to coordinate with their research goals and name a liaison to work with, having already met earlier this month with the Kettle Falls Historical Center board. He is waiting for info from NPS, Washington, DC and others. A certificate of designation as a Preserve America Community is to be displayed in the Courthouse in Colville.

Joe's **map** of the tri-county area is to include museums with a symbol to mark their locations - 10,000 to be printed at the end of March. De made a motion to purchase a business card-size ad with invitation to visit the museums thus marked plus the Web site for more info, Susan seconded, motion passed. Joe can bill the Network for the ad (\$100). This would be reimbursed by hotel/motel tax money if we receive any.

**Elaine's report:** Washington Rural Heritage Grant thought the State Library Association: A digitizing grant was applied for, budgeting \$4,000 for the H. Network to do work. Kettle Falls (with Jo Nullet) is being done today to be followed later by Lakeside, Hunters and Northport. Community members are to bring in historical photos. Project is being done between April and August 15. Libraries want 50 photos for their Web site (with permission). Some museums couldn't download with a charge. Link a Heritage Network site and the store? The grant pays an hourly wage to train library staff (which would go into Network treasury plus gas and food. Note: give names of organizations Elaine collects at her talks to the membership committee.

**Misc. Notes:** Elaine is a History Month speaker at the Colville Chamber on April 1. She could come to Newport which meets on the third Tuesday of the month.

Lorinda wrote a letter to the County commissioners about the hotel/motel tax allocation for brochures and maps. The contact person there is Mickey (with Tim Gray). Any decisions are public record.

De and Lorinda are to write a page for the May issue of *the Columbia Monthly* on our museums, opening dates, phone numbers, etc. Press releases need to go to more than the Colville papers.

De reports that Valley is starting a historical group (Jackie Franks) with the old school a focal point.

**"History Dollar" reports:** Elaine found the 4 cardinal virtues of the "cult of true womanhood" in a book called *The Women's West* by Armitage and Jamison.

Susan H. said there is to be a tundra swan celebration on March 26 with reservations for bus space already full. Permission was obtained to view the swans on private property

Lorinda mentioned the local crime story of a murder of the sheriff of Newport by a Spokane policeman in *Breaking Blue*.

Warren LeVille is seeking postal history. Susan D. recommended he contact Bob Kingsley.

Adjourned for lunch and tour of some of the museum buildings.

**Next Heritage Network meeting:** Annual meeting April 21 in Colville - potluck.

*Recorded by secretary Kathy Berrigan*