

**Heritage Network Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2008**

I. Call to Order

Janet Thomas called the annual meeting to order at 9:30 AM at the Learning Center in Colville.

II. Roll Call

Those present: Janet Thomas, Susan Dechant, Elaine Clough, Scott Hirsch, Jo Nullet, Kathy Berrigan, De Pelan, Karen Meyer, Bill Sebright, Joe Barreca, Jackie Franks, Dianne and Ted Eppler, Rebecca Gordon, Harold Ingram, Grady Knight, Lee Snook, Ruby Page, Shirley Dodson

III. Treasurer's Report

Susan D. reported a balance of \$3,962.35 in the bank account with \$777.69 available to pay bills. Donations came to \$1225 and memberships to \$360. Expenses totaled \$70.67. We will renew our membership in the Washington Museum Association, \$30 per year. Rural Resources Digital Project has \$1,208.81 remaining of the original \$8,687. The Loon Lake Hist. Society donated \$1,225 toward the Prestini project. Elaine can be paid \$250 each quarter - need to learn whether to pay her from the general fund or out of the grant money. The \$1000 has already been approved, and the laptop was paid for last month.

Susan filed a 990 Form with the IRS. Software was listed at \$2000 value. The Prestini committee can decide which bills need paying and relay that request through Karen to Susan to pay. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by De, seconded by Scott, passed.

IV. Open Issues

Minutes: There being no record of approval of last year's annual meeting minutes, Karen made a motion, seconded by Bill to approve them. Passed. The by-laws state that a quorum is 2/3 of the board members. (March minutes will be approved at the next regular meeting.)

Map: Discussion of additional information Janet found on Old Stevens County and Spokane County. We can reword the description before additional maps are printed - notify Lorinda of any changes to be made. Enough maps are available to allow each museum to have some for now.

Publicity: Reminder to put articles in the *Columbia Monthly* on events and interesting activities for road trips around your museum. 8,000 to 10,000 are printed each month. Dani Bull has written some articles for the *Statesman-Examiner* already.

Task List: List was reviewed and some tasks could be combined in one position; De will meet with Lorinda to shorten the list. There are still some unfilled, and members are encouraged to take part on a committee. Other lists: With a checklist of board members in hand, the president could call if a member has missed a number of meetings. Susan D. has a list of when dues are due for each member. We could put "in kind tracking" list on the agenda.

Elaine's report: A photo archive workshop is planned for September 20 at the WSU Extension (Community College) theater, computer lab and two classrooms. The Spokane Library is to be involved with the workshop. It is in the planning stage yet, and specific classes are still to be determined (a few possibilities - retrieval, labeling, scrap booking) after which publicity can begin. People are more likely to take it seriously if there is a charge rather than getting in free. Elaine would appreciate names and phone numbers of potential teachers and contributors.

Ruby Page, Elaines' supervisor at Rural Resources, talked about what the Onion Creek School is doing and

the importance of involving young people in history projects.

Elaine, Joe, Susan D., and others were among the 236 attendees of the Horizon-WSU Extension grant workshop recently.

Attendance at the WA Museum Association conference in June is encouraged. The theme this time is "Tear Down the Walls."

Spokane Preservation group: Grady met with the Spokane Preservation Advocates whose members have contacts with large amounts of funds. Their primary focus is buildings. On Grady's recommendation, Scott made a motion to pay \$10 to join the group, De seconded ; motion carried.

Preserve America: Joe clarified his role as that of contracting for research. Businesses could contribute volunteer hours to make the money go further. A Stevens County Preserve America archive could be a goal with such themes as geology, Native Americans, fur trade, gold rush, and water transportation. Then research could be focused on what lies at "the end of the road" (homesteads, mines). He noted that volunteer hours spent before the project starts don't count toward in-kind hours for matching purposes. Get a list of people, businesses, organizations willing to help. A committee will be needed to approve spending of funds. Submissions need to be in by June 30. The maximum size of a grant has been upped to \$250,000, but one wouldn't necessarily ask for the maximum. He said grants are given to parties who show they're doing something worthwhile, not just because they say the "need the money."

Election: Those board members whose memberships expire this year (Janet Thomas, Kathy Berrigan, Judy Cornelius, Lorinda Travis) were re-added. Joe Barreca and Loyce Akers were added to the board as moved by Susan Dechant, seconded by Scott. Motion passed.

The slate of officers with De Pelan nominated for president, Lorinda Travis for vice president, Kathy Berrigan for secretary and Susan Dechant for treasurer all unopposed, and there being no nominations from the floor, were elected by secret ballot to allow for write-ins.

Changes to by-laws: Susan D. made a motion to change the by-laws to vote for directors in December rather than April, with nominations by November, term of office to begin in January of the coming year, as read and discussed last month, seconded by Dianne Eppler; motion carried. The by-laws dealing with types of membership, referring to Old Stevens County and Tourism Members (as printed in red ink) had its first reading at this meeting and will be voted on next meeting.

Additional notes: Send membership info to Jo Nullet's replacement at the Kettle Falls Library. We have concluded that Merlin has moved.

Joe said that the book by Goldy says this larger area was called Colville Country before it became known as the inland Empire.

Meeting adjourned for potluck lunch and Lee Snook's interesting presentation on David Thompson. Encampment with "fur traders" on May 31 at Mission Point. More info at davidthompson200.ca

Next Meeting May 19 at Northport at 9:30. June meeting in Hunters on the third Wednesday, meal provided. July or August could be at Kettle Falls Historical Center. Other potential host sites are Springdale, Loon Lake, and the Colville Library.

Recorded by secretary Kathy Berrigan