

**Heritage Network Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2008**

I. Call to Order

President De Pelan called the meeting to order in Northport at 9:45 a.m. Meeting began with welcome and introductions.

II. Roll Call

Those present: De Pelan, Lorinda Travis, Elaine Clough, Kathy Berrigan, Janet Thomas, Bill Sebright, Joe Barreca, Jael Regis, Jackie Franks, Dianne Eppler, Ted Eppler, Harold Ingram, Ollie Mae Wilson, Connie Long, Bob Long, Alice Buffan

III. Treasurer's Report

Susan Dechant was absent but sent copies of her report. Heritage Network income since mid-April came to \$163.18 and expenses totaled \$487.60 with bank accounts worth \$3,599.67 as of May 13, of which \$607.79 is spendable. Funds available for the Prestini project are \$1,937.59 and for the digital project \$1,054.29. Discussion of listing of Web sales/Joe's income. Lorinda advised making sure that expenses under Vista are all handled by the deadline for the Community Foundation Grant. Approval for any extension would be needed if the money was not all spent. Elaine will check with them. Insurance is paid from the grant funds – will need to pay this year's. The camera would be considered a "borrowed item" at the use site, and insurance, which the Network pays for, would need to cover it at such locations. Elaine will check on this also and will e-mail info to De, who can ask for a board vote if needed. Lorinda made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report with questions to be resolved next meeting, seconded by Dianne, report approved.

IV. Open Issues

Minutes: Lorinda made a motion to accept the March minutes as presented, seconded by Bill, motion passed. Bill made a motion to accept the April minutes with the clarification in the treasurer's report section that Elaine's fee is received by Rural Resources, and that the money donated to the Prestini project came from the Loon Lake Historical Society plus members, seconded by Jackie, passed.

Membership: The Ansoorge Hotel and nearby Car and Truck Museum (Curlew) want to join the Network and be on the map. The phone number they gave is 779-4746. Lorinda reminded us to try to get business members.

Attendance: Elaine will check on a phone system with microphone for outlying members. WSU has a system we could borrow. The Northport group has used long-distance conference calling, the cost of which is shared by members. There may be an Internet set-up for free. We'll check further with phone companies.

There have been some problems with THN new mail server, Smart Mail. Not all e-mail is getting through, Yahoo for one. This may be solved by getting a G-mail address. We need a list for just board members so that general membership doesn't get all the e-mail.

Digitizing project: The Loon Lake Times (p. 10) is calling for historical photos. Northport and Hunters are getting theirs done in June. Funding is coming from WA Rural Heritage Project, and Elaine will do the digitizing. Documents can be copied as well as photos. There is money to purchase another camera. One of the requirements is that photos are put on the Web site. There is no limit to how many can be digitized. Determine the historical significance of photos – places and people need to be recognizable. There is a planned World War I vets digitizing project. One very interesting aspect is the "Then and Now" series of photos taken from the same spot long ago and more recently.

Photo archiving workshop: Discussion of interest in having the workshop and what needs to be done. This will be a network project, not just one person doing it. It will be for the public as well as museum people, and WSU will help publicize it. WSU Community College has held lots of workshops so should be able to provide a task list to work from. The content of the workshop is the priority now, and then it can be decided whether to hold the entire session in one room or use others as well. The rooms would not cost us anything to use. To make it official that we want it to be a network project, Joe made a motion to support the workshop, Jael seconded it, motion passed. Elaine will organize the planning with an outline by next meeting. She will also check with the Genealogical Society to see how best to proceed (such as asking each participant to bring 2 photos to digitize, whether to have one or two keynote speakers, etc.)

Prestini: "Attic Review" on June 14 – Artists are coming to Colville Museum to view Prestini's work and give critiques and interviews as advertising for 2010. Wally Parker is working on letters. Grady heard from a man who sent him a picture of a painting by Leno that he bought at an antique store in Oregon. We would like to know the cost, especially since there is no list of any sales to give a price range for his work (and we might be able to purchase it). "Leno" can be used on the Web site to search. Check *Clayton-Deer Park Historical Society.com* for Leno Prestini pictures.

Preserve America: A Preserve America plaque signed by Laura Bush was presented at the opening of Keller House. Each "Stevens County – a Preserve America community" sign costs \$200 and museums could spend \$100 on their own to have an additional sign with directions to their location. Logical placement would be at entrances to Stevens County and near museums. Send an e-mail to Joe if you'd like a sign to go with a Preserve America sign. A list of museums was added to the map Joe has been working on. Serving on the committee for this project are Louanne Atherly, Dave Keeley, Gabriel Cruden, Ed Miller, Lela Taylor and Janet Thomas. Janet said that for History month, they could use some signs for their activity this summer before they're put out on roadsides.

For the Crossroads grant research, figure time to transcribe and organize, etc. at \$20/hour. Contributions could be part of matching funds that could be routed through THN. A list of types of materials wanted is being developed and input is being sought.

Maps, etc: 1000 maps have been printed, with 1000 more to be done soon. Jackie made a motion to keep the map as is for this printing, Bill seconded, motion carried. Changes can be made next year. If you need more passports, see Janet. A new *Getaway Guide* has been printed.

The revised, completed task list should be ready for next meeting.

By-laws: The first reading was done last time with changes to the types of memberships. (Limiting Heritage members to Old Stevens County was removed, tourism organizations need not be a category unto itself, but business membership will be a separate category costing \$100 for annual dues.) Bill made a motion to approve the final reading, Lorinda seconded, motion carried. Encourage two members in each organization to participate.

New Business: The official mailing address of THN has been changed from PO Box 25 to PO Box 1051, Colville, WA 99114. We need to approve the change from the first listing of Registered Agent to De now. Lorinda moved that above changes be made, seconded by Janet, motion passed. Following these changes, the paperwork was signed.

Additional notes/"History Dollars: Joe found a book at the NPS that originally referred to Lake Roosevelt as the Coulee Dam Recreation Area. The book has a wealth of information on St. Paul's Mission, old towns, Rickey's Trading Post, etc. with plenty of references.

Kathy noted that David Thompson commented each day in his journal that it was either "a fine day" or "a very fine day," regardless of conditions.

Northport newspapers from 1895-1941 (property of Glenn and Rosemary Phillips) are now on a CD that will be for sale.

Elaine will be going to a "listening session" at 5:30 in the main Spokane library with the WA State Preservation Comm. Wednesday night.

Next meeting June 18 (Wednesday) at Hunters at 9:30, lunch provided, at the old Senior Center downtown (yellow building). July meeting at Kettle Falls Historical Center. Meeting adjourned for lunch and tour of Northport Museum.

Recorded by secretary Kathy Berrigan