The Heritage Network
Board of Directors
April 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Joe at the SCHS museum.
Present: Susan Dechant, Bill Sebright, Rette Bidstrup, Joe Barreca and Janet Thomas
Next meeting The next meeting will be held at the Clayton-Deer Park Museum in Deer Park.
Minutes of the November meeting: Sue moved and Susan seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting with corrections. Motion carried. The secretary was not present for the last meeting due to illness so two people took notes. Janet will combine the two and come up with one. Joe will send them out for review prior to the May meeting. Both the March and April minutes will be corrected and approved at the May meeting.
Financial Report – Sue presented the financial report.
HBC Fort Colvile: Joe reported that his grant application was denied. He is looking for additional ones. The Vinson Fund was suggested as a possible grant source.

Joe did not write a Silverado article re the HBC because he wrote one on something else.

Joe reported on a book written about Angus McDonald, Shining Mountains. He highly recommended it.
Indian Agency: The wall supports for the ceiling beam were put in place finishing that part of the cabin. The ceiling support serves two purposes. First is to reinforce the support for the beam already in place. The supports, particularly on the south wall also serve to stabilize the logs and keep them from falling.

The representative from the State Historical Society was at the Agency site on Saturday. Charlie was present for the meeting also. Richard and the mason were there also.

Sue suggested Facebook a discussion followed ??????

NeWGS: They are reprinting some of their books. There has been an extreme increase in the cost of paper so the cost of books is also going up.

Evergreen cemetery opening is pending. Family tree research had been done for everyone buried at the cemetery.

The Family History Center now has a new name. It is now The Family Search Center with a new director, Steve Lebo, from Chewelah.

There will be a mini Roots Tech training/meeting on the 23rd. It will be at the meeting house of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Chewelah. It is free and open to the public. Food will be served following.
SCHS: Katie, the Curator, has the museum in good shape and almost ready to open. There are several new displays. And of course Smokey Bear is being featured in the Learning Center. The Keller House is also ready to open. It has some new artifacts that are original to the house and were returned. They had been acquired at the time Mr. Keller died.

Northport: Rose reported that Rosemary Phillips passed away on St. Patrick's Day. She made a large donation of cash and the family is donating items from the home as they go through it.

They were part of a Zoom meeting with someone from the Library District about using media.

The Gallo house had a water issue and flooding in the basement. High School kids dug the ditch for new piping.

Archaeologists were up and lots of artifacts were found and donated to the museum.

Rose went live on line and raised over $500 while on line.

Rose is going to Olympia soon to receive an historical award.

There is a lookout tower available. There is some thought about trying to move it Abercrombie Mountain for hikers to use while they are hiking.

Clayton/Deer Park: Bill showed some post cards they have received. He also discussed some written material they received and some school census records.