The Heritage Network
Board of Directors
July 17, 2023

Road Detours caused a late start. Meeting started at 9:50 AM at the Inchelium Cultural Center
Present: Rette Bitstrup, Joe Barreca, Susan Dechant, Rose Kalamarides, Bill Sebright, Shannon Rosenbaum, Joyce Kohler, Patti Bailey, Laura Stovel, and Janet Thomas, Secretary. Excused: Sue Richart, Treasurer.
Next Meeting: The August meeting will be at the Stevens County Historical Society museum in Colville.
Minutes: Rose moved and Susan seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the last minutes as corrected. Motion passed.
KFHC: Everything has been submitted to the insurance company. There is some disagreement as to the contractor‘s bids for work to be done inside of the building. They hope to be in the building by the end of September and work on displays can begin.
HBC Bicentennial: Joe is trying to get a full sized Columbia River Boat, and wants to have it on display at the Center. The canoe is to be made of cedar. This type of boat was historically made at the HBC fort at Kettle Falls. It could carry 20 tons. He already has somebody in mind to build it. He has hopes of finding enough funding to make it happen.

Joe has an article in the current Silverado. It is about the Canoe trip down the Columbia that was held recently. He is thinking of the next article being about boats

To assist Joe Shannon suggested contact with the tribal representatives. She discussed the method of getting tribal involvement.
Inchelium Cultural Research Center- Shannon discussed the facility. There is a 5 year lease with some renovations needed and some already made.

Last Friday there was a funeral for their director. She passed away in June. Her leadership was pivotal in getting the Center up and running.

A group of youth workers started last Monday. They are learning job skills and work behavior. They are now working on inventory. Rose suggested checking in with the Kalispel Tribe who funds youth to work with Journeymen level professionals.

Shannon introduced the board of directors. Joyce Kohler is the Acting President of the board of the Center, She has been close to Nancy, the previous president, her whole life. Laura Stovel is from Revelstoke, BC, and Pafti Bailey who is very interested in genealogy.
Historic Colville Indian Agency – Chewelah: The neighbor that has been troublesome from the beginning is moving.

SCHS is still waiting for confirmation about dirt being delivered. It’s a big deal because buying topsoil would cost several thousand dollars and other things are waiting for dirt before the can be done.

The framework of the sign is finished and installed. Janet and Charlie will get together and begin the process of designing the content,

There is a need for a small stove for the cabin. One chimney will work for the modern gas stove and the other will be nonworking and needs to be "cote" and in the displays will serve as heater and perhaps some cooking.

The next major project is to curate the cabin.

NeWGS: There is not a lot new activity going on. They need help with upkeep of the Evergreen Cemetery. There are problems with homeless people living there. Vehicles are parking inside the cemetery grounds too. New locking procedures have been initiated.

Mowing and weed whacking is the combination needed for grass and weed control. It is difficult to get mowers maneuvered on the grounds.

They are continuing preparation for the annual workshop. There will be both speakers and workshops.

They have one book pending. It is Kate Carlson's book Rich Heritage, It is being updated, primarily by Mrs. Carlson's son.

SCHS Projects: The most pressing and urgent project is to finally get a functioning data base. In addition to the extractions already done, there is a large amount of scanning being done. Past Perfect is being considered and investigated. It was looked at years ago but the cost and the complexity made is out of the question. But new cost, new staff, and a crisis of information is making it more likely to be workable.

NPHS: They are neatly at the end of spending their large grant. Prevailing wages is problematic.

They are looking at purchasing supplies from Canada due to the cost.

They have found some great new volunteers.

Jerry Gallo and his wife owned a piece of property bear the Gallo House and donated it.

They are looking at a small building next to Gallo's and hoping to get it donated and moved close to the Gallo House. A piece of property is also in the works

Clayton/Deer Park: The Eagle is about to get covered.

They are planning displays for both Settler's Day and Brickyard Days.

Around the table: Joe talked about some research he had done. The PNW Quarterly had an article about the families of people in the Fur trade.

Adjourned at 11:20