The Heritage Network

Board of Directors

October 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 at the Stevens County Historical Society Museum.

Present: Rose Kalamarides, Bill Sebright, Retti Bitstrup, Sue Richart, Susan Dechant, Joe Barreca, Lynn Wells, and Janet Thomas

Minutes: The September minutes were reviewed. Sue moved and Rose seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The network will return to Colville in November.

Financial report: Sue submitted and reviewed the report. Sue suggested a change to where we get the mail. Sue will change the address back to the address of the Stevens County Historical Society. Sue asked the group if the membership at the Spokane Preservation Advocates should be continued. After a discussion the group agreed to keep the membership for another year.

KFHC: They are about to finalize the negotiations with the Insurance company. They will probably be some amount short of the amount needed to rebuild. Cole's will be doing the reconstruction. All of the murals except one were saved. They plan to completely replace it. The canoe is problematic due to its size. Plans are not finalized for where it will be on display.

HBC Fort Colville Bicentennial: Joe got notice from Secure Webs that THN domain name is running out. Joe renewed it for another 5 years.

Joe continues to write articles for the Silverado.

Someone came to Joe at the Farmer's Market and offered donations for the Heritage Network for the Bicentennial. Sue will set up a separate account for Bicentennial donations.

Joe went to the Innovia annual meeting. He got some ideas there.

Joe reported on the Noisy Waters Program. There was a full house at the presentation at the KF woodlands theater.

Historic Colville Indian Agency: Gravel was ordered and delivered for the parking area on the north side and is being spread, It should be in good condition in the spring.

An Eagle Scout candidate visited the agency and measured the site. He will be submitting a proposal to get approval for the fence to be built on the south property line.

The eye sore buildings, on the south of the agency, have been demolished. All of the buildings are gone. The future use of the site is up in the air. The owner is proposing to build a four plex on the site.

The fill dirt issue may be solved. Charlie is proposing that gravel/rocks be used as the fill, which will reduce the cost and still fill the low spots. If the county does not come through with top soil it seems the most prudent thing to buy it. That is the last thing needed to make the site safe for visitors to walk.

Work continues on the signage. Leftover gravel from parking will be used as a base of the sign. Stabilizing the frame of the sign is next. There is a draft for the format of the sign itself,

SCHS: The yearly general membership meeting will be at Kettle Falls. Any donations will go the Kettle Falls Historical Center.

Some interesting research requests have come to the library. It seems more requests are coming in.

Research: Sue contacted the City of Kettle Falls about digitizing there minutes. Their early ledgers were found at the State Archives in Cheney. She has permission to digitize them but must do it on site.

Sue went to the annual meeting of the Whitman County Historical Society. Sue took them an artifact.

NWGS: The yearly meeting was held. It was good, but not as well attended as they hoped.

Rette will be digitizing the Pioneer Branches booklet printed by the society.

They will be working on the update for the Rich Heritage book and reprint it.

They have a representation from the Masons speaking to their group. Sue will be speaking on military research.

HS Projects: Next year general membership meeting will be the about the HBC Fort Colville Bicentennial.

Past Perfect has been installed and input has begun. Input will be a long and slow process. .

Research: Sue is still working on the commissioners journals.

Northport: The dry wall is going up in the Gallo House. It is going well. There is a guy that lives at Deer Lake and has a place in Northport. And he is working on the dry wall.

The society received a gift from a newlywed couple. They didn't need anything, both having households full of furniture and other needs, so they donated cash gifts to the Historical Society.

One member of the Gallo Family, who grew up in the house, donated some vacant lots next to the house.

An old door is needed and it has been difficult to find.

They received a grant from county to put up signs from Leadpoint to Northport to direct people to Northport.

The smelter monument is cared for by the Historical Society. They are trying to get water, etc brought to the site.

Clayton/Deer Park: A friend of Leno Prestini brought in some pictures and tiles made by Leno. They got a new picture of a painting by Prestini. It is of Deer Park and hasn't been previously seen.

Tum Tum: Next year, in June 24-30, the State Grange Convention, will be in Colville. It was grim last time they were here because facilities weren't satisfactory for that kind of meeting. The current Ag Trade Center will accommodate the group.

Tour: Sue took interested people to see Past Perfet

Meeting adjourned at 11:40