The Heritage Network

Board of Directors

4/21/25

The meeting was held at the Clayton/Deer Park Museum

Sue Richart, Janet Thomas, Joe Barreca, Bill Sebright, Joyce Kohler, Susan Dechant and Rette Bidstrup were present.

Donations of $436.00 have been made since the last meeting.

Rette Bidstrup reported that the Kettle Falls Historical Center staff were pulling together exhibits and expected to be 75% complete by the opening day of May 17th.

Shannon Rosenbaum of the Inchelium Cultural Research Center sent a report stating that Grants/Projects –

1. University of Washington (UW), National Science Foundation "Countering Misinformation through Cultural Identity Support" Purchased Content Management System (Proficio); contracted C.S. to begin packaging digital records for upload.
2. Washington State Library Digital Heritage Placed on Administrative pause due to recent Executive Order dismantling the IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) - Out ~13,000 in staff salaries and wages to run phase III of Countering Misinformation…
3. STCU Volunteer Program Development COMPLETE STCU funds available on a rolling basis year-round. Eligible to reapply at any time. Good source of small funds for projects.

They have a fundraising event coming on Friday June 13th

They have had inquiries from Asian and Pacific Islander Americans about Chinese mining.

The best email address for the Stevens County Historical Society is schswa1903@gmail.com

Janet Thomas reported that a craftsman is building a replica of a portable military desk for the Indian Agency Cabin. The sign for the cabin is ready to assemble in several small panels. There will be pictures of the cabin on the top. The bottom will show steps in the cabin restoration. There will be no tribal medallions. The back will have pictures from the McPherson family. The electrical work is almost finished.

Sue Richart is transcribing deeds for Old Kettle Falls. The handwriting was difficult.

Susan Dechant reported that the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will have a seminar in September. They are getting records from the Kettle Falls Historical Center. There are problems with homeless people at the cemetery.

Bill Sebright reported that Harry and Betty Duber made huge 4' x 8' pictures for the museum and there is work going on to make an audio recording to go with them. The museum will be open during the Deer Park farmers market. There is a 2012 book Murder at the Mission A Frontier Killing, Its Legacy of Lies, and the Taking of the American West by Blaine Harden about the events at the Walla Walla mission.