The Heritage Network

Board of Directors

June 16, 2025

Ther meeting was called to order by President Joe Barreca at 9:35 AM. Present were, Bill Sebright, Sue Richart, Susan Dechant, Rose Kalamarides, Rette Bidstrup, Secretary Janet Thomas, and President Joe Barreca.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were not available due to equipment problems. Minutes for the May meeting were not available.

Financial Report: Sue presented the report.

Chewelah Independent: There is the possibility of all copies of The Independent in Chewelah being digitized. Sue contacted the family of Lynn Wells, who donated money to the network for used in the bicentennial of HBC, and they agreed that THN use some of the donated money for the purpose of digitizing the paper. Sue moved and Bill seconded a motion to give $5,600 (estimated amount) for the digitizing project. Motion carried.

KFHC: The Kettle Falls Historical Center is now open Thursday through Sunday, 10 – 4.

NeWGS: Members of the Tiger Museum and the Pend Orielle Historical Society have visited with members of NeWGS. They might be interested in joining THN;

Indian Agency: Janet gave a report on the open house.

The sign is finished and installed and is being very well received. The next sign will be developed next. A replica of a military portable desk has been built for the cabin. The Salish Language event is back for both children and adults. They are still looking for a "Kitchen Queen", a small cook stove and a shelf to store blankets, tools and other handouts.

NPHC: The kitchen is done except for the plumbing. They are working on getting a grant to finish the building.

Clayton/Deer Park: The museum is now open during the 1st Saturday Market in Deer Park.

ICRC: Joyce Kohler is president. The fundraiser was successful. A lot of collections have been donated. A Sinixt Symposium was held last October. The theme of the year is Perseverance. The center continues to seek grants and has purchased equipment. Chris Shaffer joined the staff. There is a summer youth Employment Program.

HBC Bi-Centennial: The article in the Inlander about HBC Fort Colvile Bicentennial events has been popular. Additional copies were given to the Kettle Falls Historical Center and the Stevens County Historical Society. The Salmon Ceremony will be held June 20th. Native Culture weekend is scheduled for the following two days.