The Heritage Network

Board of Directors

July 21, 2025

Ther meeting was called to order by President Joe Barreca at 9:35 AM. Also present were Bill Sebright, Sue Richart, and Jayne Jurgensen.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April, May and June meetings were approved without changes.

Financial Report: Sue presented the report.

Chewelah Independent: There is still no word from the owner of the Chewelah Independent to approve or disapprove our offer to digitize their microfiche.

Clayton/Deer Park: The Clayton School is now on the National Register of Historic Places. Settlers Day and Founders Day will be held on July 26th. Brickyard Day will be August 2nd.

Sue Richart reported on research into Postmark Washington available at the State Library. It is an interesting book but has misinformation claiming that the founder of Military Fort Colville, Major Lugenbeel, was dismissed for cause. It was actually Charles Allen, fort sutler who was dismissed.

HBC Bi-Centennial: The Salmon Ceremony was held June 20th. Native Culture weekend was held the following day but was poorly attended. The next major bicentennial event is the authors and historians roundtable to be held at the Mistequa Hotel on October 18th at 10 AM with Jack Nisbet as the keynote speaker. An article on the Gift of Salmon is in the Silverado.

Jayne Jurgensen was present to represent the Ferry County Historical Society, a new member. She would like help on some computer issues. Their society is building a small museum and is raising funds. Some collections are being moved to the Sagle House. They are hoping to acquire the current library building to have a museum storefront on main street.

The Stevens County Historical Society will unveil a new 12' by 24' mural on the south end of their museum on August 8th. The mural was painted by Jami Rose Lord with a grant from the Vinson Fund. It depicts a historic photo, originally in black and white, of a teepee and wagon with the Washington Water Power bridge to Hayes Island in the background. The new mural is in full color. It is noted that political issues have drastically slowed Canadian visits to the museum.

The **Washington State Historical Society** has joined the Heritage Network.