The Heritage Network

Board of Directors

August 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Joe, at the learning center at the Colville Museum.

Present: Bill Sebright, Jayne Jurgensen, Susan Dechant, Sue Richart, Joe Barreca, and Janet Thomas, with excuse for Rette Bidstrup because of her service at DNR to help in the firefighting efforts.

Next meeting: The meeting will be held in Colville.

Financial Report: Sue presented the report and she is having to watch out for scammers.

Minutes of the July meeting: A correction was made followed by a motion made by Sue to approve with the correction, seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

Indian Agency: The Theater brought the cast of Ann of Green Gables to the cabin and arranged them similar to the previous pictures. It is charming and will go in the scrapbook of the cabin's life since it was gifted.

Steps and railing are the next items being planned. As more people are visiting, the safety of the steps is getting more important. The current plan is for concrete steps front and back covered with boards to give the impression of wood steps. It will have rocks like the ones going on the foundation to hide the concrete. There will also have hand rails.

Electrical installation inside the building is also getting more important as more people visit. Plans are for at least some of the work on the concrete and electrical will need to me done by professionals.

The next sign is in the planning phase. It will be in front of the electrical stand to cover it as well as be a sign. Plans are developing for it. Among other things will be the national register plaque and flags.

The Salish group will visit again as part of the three phase program. It will be in late September and a speaker will be Joe Barreca who will not speak about the Bicentennial.

Research: Sue is working on downloading the Stevens County Scholl censuses from about 1915 to1932. She will continue creating a listing of roads in the county from the Public Works road cards.

Joe: has sent a link to everyone about his presentation to the Westerners about HBC Fort Colvile that is on youtube and a few other things.

Susan has a workshop scheduled for September 29th. It will be a free workshop with a free lunch. There will be 6 classes: ancestry, DNA, brick walls, family search, genealogy bank, my heritage and roots magic. Please register ahead f time. On the website. The same classes will be held in the morning and afternoon.

Clayton/Deer Park: Clayton Community Fair, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We'll have our usual booth. Deer Park High School annuals were a big hit at Settlers Day again. Two "new" annuals were added to our collection.

Jayne: The Ferry County Fair is the last weekend in August. FCHS will be there with a booth. They are building a foundation for the Kaufman Cabin to move to. The foundation will be out of cement blocks and it is hard to find a contractor. They hoped to move into the present library when a new one is built but Shelly Short withdrew funds for the new library.

New Mural: There is a new mural at the south end of the SCHS museum done by Jamie Lord Rose. 100 people came for the unveiling. Signed pictures of the mural are available.

SCHS: Bruce, Richard and Don fixed the leak on the back wall of the SCHS museum. The research area is being reorganized and newspapers are being indexed.

Northport: (from their newsletter). They need another $65,000 to finish the Gllo House and hope t have a grand opening on Labor Day 2026.