The Heritage Network
Board of Directors
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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Vice President Rose at the Museum in Colville.
Present: Susan Dechant, Sue Richart, Rose Kalamarides, andf Janet Thomas.

Financial Report: Sue presented the report. She then discussed finances being authorized by the donor to be used to digitize the Newspaper fron Chewelah. Jared Arnold, owner of the newspaper had been resistant to the digitization and hadn't been clear why. He was considering all aspects.

Next Meeting: It will be in March 2026 in Colville.

Election of Officers: Election will be delayed until the March meeting as there were only 4 Directors present.

Minutes of the last meeting: Not approved as only 4 Directors present.

Historic Colville Indian Agency: Three things are at the front of the list. The outdoor steps and the new door for the north entrance and the inside electrical wiring are first to do. There are plenty of other things as well.

Fort Colvile Summit: Transcripts of the talks by each speaker have been emailed to them for review and correction. The transcription process is far from perfect. Most of the corrected transcripts have already been returned. The next step will be to post the text with a menu of links on the Summit web page of our website. A full video is also expected. I hope to get it broken into pieces for each speaker and put them on our website with links.

Clayton/DeerPark: Robert Whaley donated a Spokesman Review Census Atlas. It was published just after the Panama Canal opened in 1914. It contains a lot of information on the construction of the Panama Canal. Two pictures of the Culebra Cut were passed around along with a cribbage board. The cribbage board belonged to Bill's Grand Uncle Frizbee. It was carved in 1910 with the inscription, "In memory of 3 years lost in the big cut." (Culebra Cut)

Brick, Lime and Moonshine, is a book written by a "local" author, Victoria Ventris Shea. Clayton, Deer Park, Loon Lake, Chewelah, among other Eastern Washington cities were mentioned. Leno Prestini and the Washington Brick and Lime Company were included. Wally Lee Parker, Karen Meyer, and the Clayton/Deer Park and Loon Lake Historical Societies were acknowledged as contributors.