The Heritage Network

Board of Directors

June 15, 2026

Meeting began at 9:45 AM at the learning center of the SCHS museum, Joe Barreca presiding.

Present: Sue Richart, Bill Sebright, Joe Barreca, and Janet Thomas.

May Minutes:

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be in Colville.

Financial Report Sue presented the financial report.

Indian Agency Report: Some lanterns have been donated for the cabin. Two of them have fixtures so that they can have parts removed and new ones added that can have electrical lights. The other two are

pending,

The ”new”, round oak tale has been installed and wheels have been added for easy movement. There is still a little surface work. There is a table cloth on it for looks now.

Work on the lights continues.

Stairway safety continues, with someone to do the work is still pending.

NeWGS: Plans for our September 19th seminar are progressing. All speakers have been confirmed and the classes will be… using the National Archives, Immigration & Naturalization, Military Research with an emphasis on the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and a hands-on class for using FamilySearch. The seminar is free to everyone and includes a free lunch. We are partnering again with the LDS church and the event will be held at the church in Colville.

We also had a very successful clean-up day at Evergreen Cemetery last week with the help of members of the LDS church. There was a great turn out of volunteers and the cemetery is looking really good for Memorial Day.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Two school groups visited the museum and had a good time. Overall, visitation is slightly under 400, excluding those on the grounds.

The City of Colville has approved the permit for the concrete pad to support Ray Kresek's building.

We received an interesting donation of a castle built in 1948 by John Humphrey, a relative of Ada Hixson, whose castles were moved to the Keller Heritage Park in 1993, located across from the Keller House. In John's castle, family members' names are inscribed in the concrete of the inner walls during construction, making it a truly standing family monument. It was placed with the other Hixson castles using a lift.

Clayton/Deer Park: Robert Whaley, whose wife is a veteran, is working on moving the Veterans Memorial Park to the lot north of the VFW Building. Doug Knight and Avista are involved. Doug Knight will cover the cost after the VFW donation campaign. The original estimate was $100,000. But with all the necessary regulations the estimate is $400,000.

Rita Rausch wrote this after she saw Laura Chamberlain's article in the *Northside Community Voice.* "I love the story of the eagle. The eagle was at the old national guard armory in May 2004. The 161st infantry unit was based there. We were a part of the 81st Brigade which was the first national guard unit to be deployed to Baghdad. I was the Battalion F coordinator for about 750 families. When we lost our first soldier in May 2004, we had a candlelight service around the eagle. It was a huge symbol for us. At that time it was not painted but was terracotta colored. The eagle touched the hearts of those who attended."

Laura, owner and editor, got a hold of Rita Rausch, and they discussed holding a memorial at the fairgrounds and the idea of a plaque was brought up. An 18" by 24" aluminum plaque was made by a Deer Park Industrial Arts student, Cooper Sanchez. There will be a ceremony this summer to dedicate it.