

Park County Historical Society

A Colorado Non-profit Corporation

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the PCHS Board of Directors was called to order at approximately 6:30PM with President, Linda Watson, presiding.

ATTENDING

Directors: Linda Watson, Jim Glenn, Jim Sapp, John Rankin, Rebecca Grey, Pat Mauro, and Sue Glenn.

Members and guests: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY REPORT – Jim Sapp

Jim requested approval of the meeting minutes for August 17, 2018.

MOTION: Jim Glenn moved the August 17, 2018, meeting minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jim Sapp

Jim presented the Treasurer's Activity Report for the period ending September 31, 2018. The Treasurer's Activity Report is for information only. There is no requirement to approve.

Jim reported that he purchased a cash box for use by the Park County Historical Society Treasurer.

Jim reported that he received \$235.00 from a Facebook non-profit request for donations.

Jim reported that we have received in excess of \$1500 in donations for the year. Most of the income is coming from the donation boxes at the Park.

Rebecca inquired about any funds received from the Amazon Smiles account. Jim reported nothing has been received to date.

Linda requested that an Amazon request for donations be established to repair the caboose.

Linda and others expressed concern related to the cost of utilities - water and electricity. It was also reported that an adjacent business owner was using the outdoor faucet to wash clothes.

Discussion continued related to the cost of restroom supplies. While savings have been made by buying in bulk, the cost to maintain the restroom remains excessive.

MEMBERSHIP – Susan Borgardt (absent)

Linda Watson, on behalf of Susan, reported that there are 227 members on our member roster. However, there are only 70 paid members, 5 complimentary members, and one honorary member. Concerns were expressed related to the drop in membership. There are 15 members with invalid email addresses.

John Rankin recommend that we work on strategies to recruit new members during the winter months.

Pat Mauro suggested that we revisit the “calling tree” to keep members informed. In addition, Pat suggested that we send membership packets to new members and produce newsletters more often.

CURATOR REPORT – John Rankin

John reported that the Annex has been winterized.

John reported that he received an inquiry related to old Flume newsletters. John directed him to the on-line Colorado Historical Newsletter Collections.

John reported that the sink installation continues to be a problem. John suspects the water pressure in the Annex is too high. He will try to measure the pressure in the spring and will speak with Bailey Water and Sewer to see if they can test the water pressure.

John reported that Bailey Water has cut a small ditch in the driveway to direct the water from the driveway to Crow Creek.

John reported that he received an invitation to attend a Fire Adapted Bailey meeting related to a fire mitigation program along emergency escape routes of several communities in the Bailey area. Following discussion, no decisions were made or actions assigned.

Rebecca recommended that the plumbing traps in the be filled with anti-freeze to keep sewer gases from backing up into the Annex.

Jim Glenn reported that there is a leak in the underground pipe from the Annex to the School that needs repair. We will investigate the source of the leak next spring after the water has been turned on.

VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATION – Jim Glenn

Jim reported that Kevin Snow, History Colorado, offered a complimentary tour during the winter season.

Pat Mauro recommended that the Park County Historical Society join History Colorado. John Rankin pointed out that History Colorado is not supportive of “organizational memberships” in favor of individual memberships.

Jim Glenn will contact History Colorado to determine if their membership policy related to organization versus individual membership is still in effect. If not, what benefits are available to an “organizational membership”.

Jim reporter that the Scouts are planning to install three benches along the trails on Morrow Mountain.

Jim reported that the Platte Canyon School District is making an effort to connect with the community to build enrollment. They are interested in coming to our meetings to make a presentation.

Jim reported that there is an effort to develop a Senior Center in Bailey. He suggested that we may want to make a presentation to the group to help engage the seniors in our community.

Jim suggested that we make an effort to recruit new Board members. It was suggested that Jim Rittenhouse be invited to join the Board of Directors. In light of our by-laws stipulating that Board members can not receive any compensation (Jim is already a paid maintenance man) it was

suggested Jim Rittenhouse be invited to attend our meeting as a consultant/ advisor. Jim Sapp will contact Jim Rittenhouse with the proposal.

EVENTS – Rebecca Grey

Rebecca suggested that we contact prior speakers and speakers outside of Park County to determine if they may be interested in making a presentation.

Some potential presentations included: a presentation on Culturally Modified Trees and perhaps Eric Swanson, a long time resident of Fairplay, to make a presentation on his life experiences.

John Rankin reported that Cowboy Christmas will not be held at Rustic Station this year. The event will be held at the new Community Center on Main Street. Following a broad ranging discussion, it was agreed the we will not participate in Cowboy Christmas this season.

Linda Watson suggested that we put a decorated tree in the Park. Following a broad discussion on a variety of ways to decorate the Park it was proposed that we decorate the Park to the extent possible and put lights on the Keystone bridge. No actions assigned with exception that everyone think of new ideas and/ or solutions to decorate the Park.

Sue Glenn proposed that we install the large banner - “150 Years of History” on the Large Artifact Shed. Following discussion, no actions assigned.

Field Trips – Pat Mauro

Pat reported that the Gold Panning trip had a modest turnout compared to a similar tour last year.

Following discussion of potential tours, including participating in Hartsel Halloween events, no decisions were made.

Off Topic:

- Pat proposed that he get a quote to finish the repairs on the caboose. Linda requested that the bid be approved by the Board prior to beginning work.
- Pat proposed that a sign be prepared for the ice shaver.
- Pat proposed that Helen McGraw books be rebound and put on display.
- Pat proposed that the Barnett cabin be moved using rolling logs. The new location is yet to be determined. Pat will research ways and means to move the cabin.
- Pat reported that one end of the caboose is nearly complete but much work needs to be done.
- Pat reported that a saw blade and drill bit was damaged when making adjustments to the beam. Pat requested that we replace the damaged items. All agreed.
- Pat reported that he has a source to replace a fabricated beam with a solid beam.

WEBSITE UPDATE - Jim Sapp

Jim provided a list of website updates to the Board prior to the meeting and asked the Board members to review the website and advise him of any errors or to recommend any enhancements to the website.

Jim recommended that all Board members attend events held by the Conifer Historical Society in the Little White Schoolhouse to get ideas on how we might improve the Annex.

NEW BUSINESS

Plans for Future History and Dinner Presentations

Following a lengthy and broad ranging discussion on the impact of the History and Dinner Presentations on Board members, including preparation time and expense, the following plans were proposed and adopted:

- Monthly Movie Nights during the winter months with light refreshments and desserts donated by Board members.
- Movie Nights will begin in January 2019.
- Historical presentations will continue during the summer months with only light refreshments and desserts being provided.

Jim Sapp circulated a list of potential movies for Movie Nights. It was noted that the Colorado Engine Number 9 was not available on Amazon and is currently out of stock in the Annex. Pat Mauro will contact Roger Christensen to make additional copies of the Engine No. 9 DVD.

John Rankin will determine what the inventory is for all the DVDs and maintain an inventory. Once the need is determined, a source to make additional copies will be identified.

Old Business

Newsletter

Pat Mauro reminded everyone that we need to do a better job on the Newsletter. Following discussion, it was agreed that Jim Sapp will prepare the next newsletter in "Mail Chimp" format and distribute to the Park County Historical Society membership list. Concern was raised about those members who do not have an email address. A plan to send out hard copies to those members was proposed but no decisions or actions were made or assigned.

Linda Watson requested that everyone send suggestions or articles to Jim Sapp for the January 2019 newsletter.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Linda Watson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted.



Jim Sapp
Secretary, PCHS

Next Meeting - January 18, 2019

Movie Night - January 26, 2019 at the Shepherd of the Rockies Lutheran Church.