

Whitman County Historical Society Board Meeting

June 19, 2024 via ZOOM

Board members participating: Val Gregory, Janet Barstow, Carol Larsen, Jeff Pietila, Linda Hackbarth, Greg Partch and Donna Potts. Jeff Pietila presided.

Consent agenda approved as presented.

Depot: Linda Hackbarth reported that all four downspout catch basins were discovered to be blocked by concrete. The contractor has been asked to recommend a solution. The gutters that were taken off had been draining into the parking lot and ultimately into the river. The City was consulted and approved.

Perkins House: Val Gregory reported that Aaron Garcia is finalizing the bid to make repairs to the balcony that are necessary before painting can be done.

Bunchgrass Historian: Donna Potts reported that Katy Wahlen, an instructor at WSU, has agreed to take on the job as editor when Ed Garretson retires at year's end. Val Gregory reported that Larry Seeborg, a Pullman native, has scanned every Bunchgrass Historian, with the purpose of making them available online. Discussion followed about how to accomplish this while still retaining the Bunchgrass's original purpose as a bonus for WCHS members. One proposal was to delay posting for a period of time, possibly a year.

Our liability insurance took a 30% jump this year. Val was directed to accept this at the end of June unless she found something better. If so, the board would vote on it via ZOOM.

Jon Anderson and Val Gregory will now be authorized for online banking for the Perkins House and WCHS. Rhonda Penwell will be authorized for the Perkins House.

Two organs at the Perkins House are in the process of being returned to their original donors or rehomed. The recently donated 1870 organ has been received and fits beautifully.

Krista Boyd has assumed duties for the Jones Schoolhouse at the fair.

The next meeting is July 17 at the Perkins House.

Respectfully,

Janet Barstow, Secretary