

Whitman County Historical Society board meeting

Aug. 21, 2024 Pullman Depot Heritage Center

The executive board met with the Depot steering committee prior to the regular board meeting.

Board members present: Mark Clinton, Greg Partch, Val Gregory, Linda Hackbarth, Carol Larsen, Janet Baarstow, Jeff Pietila, Krista Boyd.

Guests: Alex Otero, Debbie Sherman

The consent agenda was approved.

**Palouse Empire Fair:** Steve Larkin will pull equipment out of blacksmith shop, our only responsibility there is putting up the informative placards. Krista Boyd reported the school house is booked with classes. Volunteers would be appreciated throughout the fair.

**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting will be Oct. 13 at the Roy Chatters Newspaper and Printing Museum. The program will start at 2 and will honor Ed Garretson, Greg Partch and Kathy Meyer for their many years of service to WCHS. All three are retiring this year. Also to be honored is this year's Volunteer of the Year, Allison Munch-Rotolo. The museum will be open at 1 for visitors.

**Depot Endowment Proposal:** Linda Hackbarth reported that the steering committee is looking into the details of setting up an endowment fund solely for the Depot.

**US Bank hack:** Our account was shut down and couldn't access the account to see if checks were bouncing or not. It took two weeks to get a new account set up. Fees were incurred for bounced checks. Jon Anderson and Val Gregory spent many hours resolving this, which was NOT a result of anything WCHS had done.

**Perkins House:** Ronda Penwell has resigned as chairman from Perkins House. Some ideas were presented for management, Val Gregory will work on solution.

**Open Board positions:** Donna Potts has moved out of the area and Kathy Meyer has resigned for family matters. There was much discussion of reducing the size of the board to 9. Also, due to COVID, we didn't have elections, but just extended terms of officers by a year. As a result, the majority of terms all expire the same year, instead of staggering terms. This will get addressed with new plan to be approved at next year's annual meeting.

**Laptop:** Jeff Pietila moved, Krista Boyd seconded, to get Val a laptop to facilitate ZOOM meetings with appropriate speakers and software.

**Archives Lease:** Alex Otero reported that the current lease is at Gladish for the Archives is \$564.30/month, with WCHS share being \$376.00.

The next board meeting will be Sept. 18 at Roy Chatters Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Barstow, Secretary