

Whitman County Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2023

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Board Present: Mark Clinton, Jon Anderson (via Zoom), Greg Partch, Krista Boyd, Carol Larsen, and Donna Potts.

Guests: Val Gregory (Executive Director), Gary Libey, Sherry Partch, John Mark Mahnke and Debbie Sherman.

Mark asked if there were any questions or comments to the Consent Agenda. There were none. A motion was made by Greg to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Carol. Motion carried.

Greg introduced Gary Libey who had asked back in January if the Society would sponsor a monument for Sheriff Pete Parnell who was murdered in Pullman in what is now known as the Easter Massacre. We had already approved this in January but it was good to hear from Mr. Libey on his plans. The monument is designed and paid for. The dedication is planned for May 29th at 11am after the Memorial Day presentation at the Colfax Cemetery. There is a meeting planned for next Wednesday March 22nd at 6pm at the Library.

Val has received four nominations for the Volunteer of the Year. She will send them out to the board.

The Membership Committee reported that they have received 42 new memberships and have been busy cleaning up non renewals.

Greg reported that work continues on Funding Development. He is working on sustaining donations. Donors will receive a placard to display at their establishment.

The Wilson Siding Project at State Line received a \$10,000 grant for a feasibility study from the Innovia Foundation. They currently have a 5 member board and are looking for 5 more.

Debbie and John-Mark reported on the Depot. The Palouse Conservancy is looking to help with the restoration of the Exterior Grounds. Phase 1 would be \$1,713.42 The Depot is looking to put 33% down (\$565). Greg motioned to accept the expenditure and it was seconded by Donna. Motion Carried.

The Depot Committee met March 14 to discuss the Train car platform. A grant was turned in to the Pullman Chamber of Commerce without the WCHS Grant Committee's approval. They voted to rescind the Grant. Val had secured the help and donation from Alex McGregor to have the McGregor Company build a platform for the train car. We will Contact Marie Dymkoski from the Pullman Chamber to inform her. Debbie passed out a Train Car Restoration Sheet.

There will be a Quilt Show at the Depot April 22, 29th and on May 6th there will be a talk on how to take care of Antique quilts.

Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

The next meeting will be April 19th at the Palouse Print Museum.

Minutes presented by Mark R Clinton, Society President.