

Whitman County Historical Society Board Feb. 15, 2023 Pullman Depot Heritage Center

The executive board met with the Depot Steering Committee prior to regular board meeting.

Board members present: Mark Clinton, Krista Boyd, Linda Hackbarth, Jeff Pietila, Val Gregory, Janet Barstow, Kathy Meyer, Donna Potts and Carol Larson.

Guests: Ryan Hamilton and Bob Lothspeich

Ryan Hamilton presented the annual report of the endowment fund. Since 1/1/09 the fund has averaged a 8.73% return. Dividends go to the Society's operating fund.

The consent agenda was approved.

Old Business: Val Gregory reported that in a review of memberships, there were 289 of the 524 listed members who had not paid dues in at least two years. Donna Potts, Krista Boyd and Val sent renewal notices and got a good response. "Little Green Light", the new software program Val uses for donations and memberships (as they come in now) will make it easier to track membership and send renewal notices.

Mark Clinton will write up a proposal concerning a proposed 5% administrative fee for donations over \$1,000 for discussion at the March board meeting.

Mark will also write up a proposed policy regarding research requests. The archives currently does not charge for research, whereas the genealogical society does charge a fee. The historical society does not want to be taking away this source of revenue from the genealogical society. Discussion followed about which type of requests should be referred to the genealogical society, and whether the archives should charge a similar fee.

Jeff Pietila reported that funding for a feasibility study for the proposed agricultural museum has been approved by the Innovia Foundation. Organizers are currently seeking board members.

New Business: Jeff moved, Kathy Meyer seconded, to approve the bids from Electrical Contractors NW of \$1,596.23, and Sign Crafters for \$3,135 for a new sign for Pullman Depot Heritage Center.

Donna Potts is considering applying for a Humanities Washington grant for a project about the history of local race relations.

The next meeting will be March 15 at the Perkins House.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Barstow