

Whitman County Historical Society Board 9/20/23

Roy Chatters Newspaper & Printing Museum

Board members present: Mark Clinton, Val Gregory, Krista Boyd, Janet Barstow, Denise Mahnkey, Jeff Pietila, Pat Flansburg, Linda Hackbarth, Greg Partch, Donna Potts, Jon Anderson (via phone)

Guest: John-Mark Mahnkey

Consent agenda was approved with a correction to minutes from Greg Partch that donations for the down payment to purchase the Oakesdale Mill were “close” to being enough, but more was needed. *(The Oakesdale Mill project is not a WCHS project.)*

**Administrative Fee Policy:** Jon Anderson moved, and Jeff Pietila seconded, to approve the following Administrative Fee Policy:

“To assist with the funding of administrative costs, each fiscal quarter a 5% administrative fee will be assessed on each donation or eligible grant received during that quarter. The maximum fee of any donation or eligible grant will be capped at \$5,000. This policy is effective October 1, 2023.”

The policy was approved unanimously.

**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting will be Oct. 8 at the Steptoe School, beginning with tours of the school at 2 p.m., followed by a presentation by Kathy Meyer about early Whitman County Schools.

**Executive Director:** Val Gregory requested permission to cut her time in half, with salary reduction accordingly, on a 1 year trial basis. The primary change in duties will mean that she isn’t required to attend events or manage volunteers. She also requested communications with her to be via text or email to be more time-efficient.

**Board membership:** Krista Boyd and Jon Anderson’s terms are up for re-election. Both are willing to serve another term, and nominations will also be taken at the Annual Meeting, when voting will take place.

**Cashup Davis:** Jeff Burns will make another book presentation 9/21/23 at the St. John Library. Greg Partch suggested an official agreement be made between Whitman County Library and WCHS regarding the Cashup Davis memorabilia that is currently on display in Colfax.

**Jones School House:** Krista updated that next year she will be in charge of the School House.

**ZOOM Meetings:** There was discussion of how to make ZOOM meetings easier. To be continued.

**Tribal Land Statement:** Linda Hackbarth brought up the need for WCHS to develop a formal statement, as is becoming common practice, acknowledging the prior ownership of our properties as being tribal land. This topic will be discussed at a later meeting.

The Nov. 15 board meeting will be at the Depot, with the WCHS Executive Board and Depot Steering Committee meeting at 6 p.m.

Janet Barstow, Secretary