

Whitman County Historical Society Board Meeting April 17, 2024 at Roy Chatters Newspaper & Printing Museum.

Board members present: Mark Clinton, Janet Barstow, Krista Boyd, Denise Mahnkey, Jeff Pietila, Carol Larson, Linda Hackbarth, Greg Partch, Val Gregory.

Guests: John-Mark Mahnkey, Serena Beltramo

Consent agenda was approved.

Serena Beltramo was introduced as a volunteer for the Chatters Museum, and she has been working on window displays.

Director's Report:

The Ice Cream Social is cancelled for this year.

Val Gregory is working with A.J. Garcia, painting contractor, for the Perkins House. A \$30,000 anonymous donation was received for painting and to fix the dry rot on the balconies, which has caused leaking inside.

Krista Boyd is working with her sister-in-law on a possible fundraising event for Perkins House.

Val is getting pdf files of the Bunchgrass Historian so they can be posted online. Larry Seaborg has offered to scan issues.

There are still problems with the bulk mailing permit. The next issue of the Bunchgrass will be mailed with J & H Printing's permit.

At least one of the two organs at the Perkins House need to be relocated.

Depot Report:

Someone kicked in the door of the train car, and the door frame now needs to be repaired or replaced. Security systems are being checked into and St. Ignatius systems will be considered.

Electrical work needs to be done – several wires were put through windows, and several upgrades/changes need to be done. Jeff Pietila moved, Denise Mahnkey seconded to approve \$1,500 to facilitate movement of electrical and communications wiring. Approved.

Items from the board:

Greg Partch, John-Mark and Denise Mahnkey have been involved with the flour mill in Oakesdale. (Note: This is not a WCHS project). Innovia Foundation will be purchasing the mill May 1, after Mary Jane Butters reduced the sales price significantly. Containers of equipment removed from the building will be considered under a separate sale. Innovia is working with the Port of Whitman County about plans for the mill's future.

Greg Partch reported that Cody Allen, director of the Whitman County Library, is working on a Memorandum of Understanding about Cashup Davis' telescope and top hat, between the library and WCHS.

Greg also reported that the Ag Innovation and Technology project at is on hold for now.

Linda Hackbarth reported that Chuck Flood had donated a lot of information about Hooper and North Hooper.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Barstow