

## Whitman County Historical Society Board Meeting

July 19, 2023 at Perkins House

Prior to the meeting, board members were invited to tour the Swoope house next door, which was offered for sale to the WCHS.

Board members present: Greg Partch, Denise Mahnkey, Kathy Meyer, Val Gregory, Mark Clinton, Pat Flansburg, Janet Barstow, Linda Hackbarth, Carol Larson, Jon Anderson via phone

Guests: Alex Otero and John-Mark Mahnkey

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

The Swoope property is being offered for \$210,000 to WCHS, a reduction from the listed price of \$245,000. The general consensus was the house did not fit the needs of WCHS, despite its convenient location.

The administrative fee analysis prepared by Jon Anderson and Greg Partch was presented. About \$11,000 was generated from the endowment fund this year. (October 1 begins the new fiscal year). Much discussion ensued regarding proposed changes in the administrative fee. Mark Clinton will prepare a proposed policy of 5% of donations being assessed as administrative fees, with a cap of \$5,000 per donation. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Val will talk to the Perkins House Committee to clarify which account donations and money raised through fundraising should be deposited into. Jon noted that \$4,500 remains to be paid off for the foundation work.

Greg Partch reported that enough money had been raised to make a down payment on the Flour Mill in Oakesdale. *(For information only, this is not a WCHS project).*

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 20 at the Palouse Museum. *(The August meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum).*

Janet Barstow

Secretary