

Rio Blanco County Historical Society Meeting

December 9, 2021

Agenda Additions –

Megan Lukins will be here Saturday

Meet with strategic planning board

Approval with additions – Deirdre motion, all in favor

Public Input – Historic Preservation board – tabled

Minutes – tabled

January membership meeting – 16th Jan. at 2pm

Who is continuing? Kay yes, Niki yes

Entertainment for meeting? – Documentary? Importance of historical photos and documenting, preservation, dating, etc. saving all digital photos as a tiff file. Mike from library for help?

Potluck. Chili and soups? Agenda – elections, presentation, networking

Committee Reports –

Directors Report – Terri Reed

Reports were given in October – Main Changes -

SER program is now on hold and no longer available. Looking for new grant opportunities to help fund Kay's position.

We have financial reports provided

Funding mechanisms – National Endowment for the Humanities has lots of money available, due in Jan, preliminary narrative due Dec 9

\$400 gifted from Bryce Purkey memorial

\$1000 funds from Colorado Gives, will get reports later

Capturing Culture – Sparky Pappas

Sad by the loss of Bryce Purkey, will try to put something together from what we know and from his children's knowledge

Ron Forburg willing to help with the video and photo project

Milk Creek – Jay Sullivan

Put to sleep. Will be emptying collection box this week.

Working on the script. Many changes that will hopefully become more well known in the future.

Accessions – Kay Bivens

Great things – DC Collins brought in Indian artifacts

Margret Crawford – Parks family

Sarah Lowe who lived in the garrison

Glenda Walker – spinning wheel for demonstrations – originally Mary

Robbers Trail- signs have been sent off and paid for

Finalizing will be done with the Rec etc. in the spring when they arrive

Website – Niki Turner

Revamping the entire website this winter to update and modernize.

Mustang Makeover –

gave \$1000 to Historical Society

#1 goal of next year is improve the caliber of horses, will be getting mostly Sand Wash Basin horses which will be good for getting new homes for the horses, they have a large following online and could bring new people to town and to the program this next year, expecting to make a lot of money

Trying to get some Ute trainers into the program, Ute medicine man to come and bless the horses at the opening ceremony.

White River Alliance –

Cutting down the Russian olive from here to Rangely with new amounts of volunteers

\$1500 scholarship offered before, now wanting to expand to one for Meeker student and one to Rangely student next year.

Interest in the mosquito spraying methods, maybe moving to a more holistic method to spraying and trying to persuade the town and county to agree and move forward.

Main Street – Kevyn and Terri going to a training in Feb to know where we are going post covid and training

Motion to allow reservation of rooms for training – motion Deirdre, second Jay. Approved

Strategic Planning – Main Street is proving someone to help train boards on strategic planning. Terri and Kevyn attend, and then bring their learnings to us and we will have our own meeting using these methods and make our own new plan for the upcoming years. Meeting in February as our board on-boarding, after new members have joined. Will continue the discussion.

Yellow Creek school house getting listed to the national registry in January, then will be eligible for historical grants for restorations. Including a panel about the Blair homestead site at the pull out site.

Consulting with the Utes about the current BLM panels about the local rock art. Potential for field trips out to the current sites in the spring.

Adjourn – Jay motion, Emily second.

Next Meeting – Jan membership meeting 16th