

Rio Blanco County Historical Society Board Meeting

July 27, 2021

Call to order 5:53

No additions to the agenda.

Approval of agenda - Kay motion, Sparky second. Approved.

Public participation

- Historical Preservation Society Board – Tabled, Sandra talking to Arturo about sign on the front of café building before meeting us.
- Sizemores looking to do historic updates on their schoolhouse.

Minutes last meeting – approval – motioned Sparky, Jay second. Approved

Executive Report – Terri Reed

- Over \$700 raised for July!
- Donation jars doing well!
- Meekerpalooza went well, had 3 new members sign up.
- Have the Summer Festival and Sheepdog Trials still to go, will need help with booth
- Geocache stuff is happening. Updates to come.
- Approved for one or two front desk positions, SER paid, part time. Checklist of tasks will be provided.
- Will need to file with the employment office to apply.
- Barbara coming in a few hours a week to clean and help with small tasks.
- Micky is no longer joining us, after a long no show period.
- Garrison – we now have a consistent script that is fair and honest about telling the garrison story. Tours are trying to be guided so that the stories get told properly.
- Trying hard to well stock the bookstore with good selections, some finding harder to get.
- Fundraising – A lot done well through July; people are donating on the PayPal QR code.

- Colorado Gives event, Summer Festival, Sheepdog Trials, and one more possible farmers market to go for fundraising opportunities this summer.
- **Motion** to have board members sign up to help the booths, possible volunteers? Ask Meeker Mustangs people for their help, our senior “interns” – Kay motion, Jay second, all in favor. Approved.
- Two high school students to help with work in the museum this fall.
- **Motion** for addition to September agenda for a work session to plan for next year, including a plan for asking for new volunteers – Niki motion, second Jay, all in favor. Approved.
- This next Meekerpalooza, and Summer Festival the Buick becomes the photo booth with props to try on, ask MACC actors to dress up for vintage themed photos.

Accessions – Kay Bivens

- Books have all been donated, delivered.
- Leota and Jim Cook have donated a list of items today, being inventoried.

Capturing our culture – Sparky

- Reagan Mobley has agreed to help, as is Kay. Some older participants are willing to be interviewed and have photos but not interested in video.
- Mike at the library has background in journalism and is willing to help with interviews.
- Have props available for talking points, maybe a group setting to encourage conversation.
- Use of the Times’ recording studio?

Rural Schools – Janet Clark

- Good turnout at the Coal Creek School for quarterly meeting, around 26 people.
- Raised \$600 in auction and root beer floats for maintaining the schoolhouse.
- Raised \$500 from 4th of July floats.
- Raised \$200 in month of July for schoolhouse.

- Waiting to hear from the county on the lightning rod before getting the spire up.
- One bid for sealing the roof, approval needed to go forward with contacting company to have it done before winter. Motioned by Kay, second Sparky, all in favor.
Approved.

Milk Creek – Jay Sullivan

- 15 people came on the 4th of July tour.
- Half were from out of town and were ex-military.
- Lead to a possible article from the questions that were raised about why things are named the way they are, including town of Meeker.
- Centennial plaque will be mounted either at Milk Creek monument or in the garrison in the next few weeks.
- Looking into the interest stories about the descendants of the Buffalo Soldiers that fought at Milk Creek.

Website

- No updates.

Bank Robbers Trail – Kay Bivens

- Once content is updated, it will be uploaded into a QR code that will be on the signs.
- Cemetery is giving \$5000 towards signage and kiosks, and a grant for \$900 should help with the remainder.
- Signs should be done and up by the 28th of August.
- Bank robber gun case is in the museum and is restored.
- Add story of the Meeker Dome rumor to the signs.

Designated Signage

- No updates, tabled to a winter project.

- See the murals for Main Street!

New Business – Niki Turner

- **Motion** requested to move board meetings to another night, motioned by Kay, Jay second, all in favor. Approved
- Meetings moved to last Thursday of the month, at 5:45 pm.

Meeting Adjourned – motion Sparky, second Terri. Approved.

Next meeting August 26th