

Rio Blanco County Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 26 2019
Heritage Culture Center

Called to order 5:53 p.m.

In attendance: Terri Reed, Niki Turner, Steve Loshbaugh, Bob Amick, Janet Clark, Kay Bivens, Libby Morton, Jay Sullivan, Caitlin Walker

Agenda additions:

- Pageant
- Sheepdog Trials
- Computer for back room of museum
- Costumes
- History Lives

Grant Guide

Logo

JS moved/KB 2nd to approve agenda with additions

Public Participation:

Presentation of card and check to Caitlin Walker for design of Milk Creek signs

Approve Minutes of Last Meeting:

Moved by KB/2nd by JS

Updates:

Museum & Gift Shop: Libby

- Feb/March \$187.65 sales
- Feb had 97 adults, 23 children as opposed to 48 and 9 in 2018
- 111 adults and 41 children to date, 126 and 39 in March 2018
- Gift Shop balance: 136 to Meeker Embroidery for cups and T-shirts, \$40.48 to Amazon for copies of The Utes Must Go, \$40 to the Lamb Soap Co.
- Deposit: \$99.44 Jan-today
- Petty cash: \$67.24
- Visit from Rifle Museum and Oak Creek Museum last year; might be interesting to reciprocate
- Made contacts with museum in Savory and with Wyman Museum
- Going to do the Easter egg hunt again; need to promote
- JS – Need a marketing list
- NT – Survey: mailed and online?
- TR – Champs survey
- LM – bookcases from high school, thank you note sent
- LM – maybe getting some kids from the art classes to do a mural on one side of the museum

- TR – Have had a discussion with Ben Quinn, will consider getting us on the schedule next year
- LM – talked to Mark at the county about taking some of the outside stuff that needs to go away
- TR – lady in Craig has more than 3000 costumes for sale, historically relevant; could be used as an additional fundraising opportunity

Lighting: BA

- Still waiting to hear back from lighting guy in Basalt

Accessions: KB

- White River Round-Up papers found at the high school, some scrapbooks and annuals; probably put it in research

Bank Robbers Trail: KB

- Attended cemetery board meeting to discuss plans; willing to fund and have an addition to the trail to walk around and go down the old path
- \$13,000 put in for a grant; \$2K matching from cemetery, \$1K from rec district
- Talked with Vanessa about the kiosk, they would do the work around the graves and around the kiosk
- Sign inside Nana Goose
- Went to Meeker Hotel, they're very excited, talked about putting a sign in the window for them
- Talked to Bank of the San Juans, they will have to check with corporate
- Rec Center sign will come later
- Talked to Libby and figured out signs in the museum
- Talked to Janet about a sign at Coal Creek
- JS – Pannier prices signs on a project basis
- BA – interested in talking to Mary K.
- KB – putting old painting of uprising in front of museum
- JS – does the painting represent the facts as we currently understand them?
- BA – perhaps use an illustration of the Agency prior to the event
- MAPS: SL, spoke with someone; base fee \$500 for setup, then different items available that could be sold in the gift shop;
- TR/SL a little premature for that

HCC – TR

- HS donated some bookshelves which are in the genealogy room
- Lighting: BA – has a lead on some theatrical lighting and a video projector
- JS – would like to see a picture rail so we can hang pictures

Milk Creek – JS

- Installation of signs at end of May, hopefully
- Potential for open house and presentation in September

Coal Creek: JC

- Donation box is almost finished
- Would like to get the belfry done and installed

Logo: NT

- Back to the drawing board, want a wagon/stagecoach

4th of July: TR

- Need to make sure we have team of horses
- Steve Wix is planning to do the bank robbery again, we need to support him in continuing to do it

Grants Guide: TR

- \$199
- SL moved/NT 2nd to renew subscription

History Lives: JS

- Civic Responsibility program would take 3-4 sessions; what value we get from government; citizenry needs to be able to make reasoned and educated input into the gov't
- Would grow our involvement in the community and educate them as to what's available and what can be done, what impact they can have
- Other possibilities for programs... rural schools, bank robbery, etc.
- We have lots of opportunities; beginning to talk about other possibilities, being a facilitator
- Yellowstone photographer, March 20, 2020

Review of Work Meeting and Budget: TR

- We have the workings of the budget, know how much money we have and where it is

Preservation Conference - TR

- Need to spend some time on this; if everyone would take time to work on this

Old Business

- KB -Quarterly meeting April 14 – Kris Casey's history students will present their projects, 1 p.m.
- TR – lasagna from Ma's, ask people to bring bread, salad or dessert
- BA – talked to new county attorney; BOCC want to meet with historic preservation board
- TR – encourage the nomination committee to help us find more people for the board
- BA – grants: we're on the agenda April 2 about participating in CO Hist Fund Edu Grant as far as the 25% match
- JS – approach about grants when we know what we need

- SL – after 20 years on town council, you better plan ahead, if you have something you want, get it to them before the end of the year when the budget is adopted
- BA – Whalin property; one of the things we're going to talk to the town about that, town needs to pass an existing building ordinance
- NT/SL tabled last two items and moved, 2nd to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.