

Rio Blanco County Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 25, 2019
Heritage Culture Center

In attendance: Terri Reed, Steve Loshbaugh, Niki Turner, Libby Morton, Patty Anderson, Sparky Pappas, Janet Clark, Kay Bivens, Bob Amick, Jay Sullivan, Deirdre Macnab

Call to Order at 5:49 p.m. by TR

Agenda Additions & Approval: SL/NT

Minutes: Add BA to attendees
Moved SL/JS; Approved

Public participation: Sparky

- attended Craig museum seminar about History Colorado and how they fund projects throughout the state last fall and would like to partner with the RBCHS to get the museum/garrison and Jensen building chinked
- Oct. 1 is the next grant cycle
- JC - two year work period
- BA - they like to see your proposal in August for review and correction
- SP - advantage to doing it in tandem
- TR - co-sponsored by the historical society?
- SL - quite appropriate that we do that
- JS - moved to partner with Sparky and be a sponsor for the grant for the chinking on the museum, garrison and Jensen House, second by KB

Deirdre Macnab

- BLM is working to get Yellow Creek Schoolhouse on historic list and taking the first step toward restoring it
- Hope the group would be interested

Budget Review: TR

- computer trouble, got most of the budget done
- budget is based on discussions we've had
- tabled for next meeting

Committee Reports

Museum: LM

- 343 adults, 104 children to date for June; 355 and 256 last year but the bulk were through the three rotations from the rec district history camp
- TR; not doing history camp, but will be visiting the museum
- \$338 in sales to date in June; \$100 transferred to operating account for This is What I

Remember

- deposit \$584 in donations, up dramatically from last month
- had a request for a memorial fund, had \$400 donated in the name of Mary Offerle

Moore

- will have someone at the garrison on the 4th
- discussed a mountain man rendezvous for one of the quarterly meetings; Teddy Roosevelt impersonator visited the museum; Dierdre will call him and find out about his availability
- next quarterly meeting July 14

Accessions: PA

- Nothing

Bank Robbers Trail: KB

- talked to bank, hotel about pictures, gathering pictures and drafting signs
- working on historical information to pull it out and make it small
- talking to Dave Smith about the power plant ditch and trying to find information

HCC - TR

- Signage: window sign is done; approached last weekend by someone (John Scott) who said sign is horrible and they will fix it for free as long as they will do it
- JC - get a design
- HCC lighting: BA - still need a proposal from Rifle Ute Theater guy
- TR - concerned that we're going to be asked about the use of the money, which was supposed to be spent within 12 months

Milk Creek Park - JS

- making progress; all the signs are at Milk Creek, locations have been flagged, gravel was not delivered to the specified location by the county; have a potential problem, would like to bring a cement truck in but the gate is 13 feet and the cement truck may not fit
- biggest issue is getting the holes drilled
- suggested renting equipment from Ace Hardware, is in the budget
- Tom Cook helped haul the signs out and has expressed an interest in volunteering
- a lot of the people who volunteer for us can't afford to volunteer; a contribution to Cook's gas fund would be most welcome

History Lives - JS

- I want to see it go forward, we need to build the momentum so that people are looking for what's next
- TR - need to have the time and energy to put into it
- DM - someone on the board from the school system, in the history or social studies dept.?

Coal Creek School - JC

- donation box is done, just needs a latch

Meeker Mustang Makeover - DM

- trademarked event, thanks to TR's work
- commitments for \$4000 for prize money and other things; still fundraising
- working with Marilee Rippey, Bruce Clatterbaugh
- put a media plan together
- Clatterbaugh will do a 1-hour program with a cattledog jackpot before the auction
- trainers are working with their horses

Website and technology project - BA

- skeleton of the website is constructed, now needs input from the various people
- JS moved to set up a workshop to discuss and plan new content for website pending Casey's and Brandon's availability; DM seconded

KB proposed that we convert treasurer board member to general board member so we can nominate Deirdre as a general board member, second by JS

SL moved to nominate Deirdre for the open position, PA seconded

TR - hasn't heard from Brandon

BA - will contact him

TR - we need to know if he's going to be available

JS - we appreciate his potential and his capabilities and would love to see those in action for our benefit, the question for Brandon is does he really want to be a part of this organization

BA - my sense is that he does, but he is a high school senior and he's very committed

SL - he needs to communicate with us

Additions: Independence Day Events

- Root Beer Floats in the courtyard between the garrison and the museum
- JS said Kaye will volunteer
- TR, we're not going to commit to 3 or 4 days, but to announce that we are doing root beer floats as a fundraiser at the garrison yard
- JC, Elaine Jordan will be dressed up with a sign, JoAnn Gardner has joined and will be available to help
- JS will announce the floats after the bank robbery
- Milk Creek tour starts at 10 a.m. on July 3, from HCC to scenic overlook to Coal Creek School to the
- Stagecoach: have horses, may need help getting the stagecoach out of the museum

Quarterly membership meeting: July 14

KB - asked if we could have a picnic at Milk Creek, possibly have the Streaker; 2 p.m., picnic food that doesn't need cooked or heated

JS - people have been going out there and building cairns on the monument for the Utes, primarily Ute driven

TR - will have the materials, financials/newsletter available

Grant app: BA

- BA: advice was didn't see a good connection between bank robbery trail and downtown historic district but would be happy to have a conversation about it prior to the July 10 meeting; did not get funding on this cycle
- TR: getting the community together under it needs to happen before the next application cycle with letters, pictures, etc., from the community; needs to be a clear storyline
- BA: meeting with History Colorado reps July 10 @ 11 a.m.

New business:

TR - This is What I Remember - talked to people at Old Timers, have done some interviews

KB - Tom Cook is a "walking encyclopedia of history"

JS - are they members? Can we offer them honorary membership for participation/contribution

BA - when Ellene was doing it there were supposedly taking those and putting them in a computer file, we need to track those down and see if they were transcribed

TR - Placemaking, town has hired a consultant for updating comprehensive plan

BA - had a meeting this morning with downtown Main St advisory group; met with CDOT; it's going to be an ongoing

Projects/Priorities

Bidding process for anything over X \$ of dollars to secure the best price on a project

SL - I think that's appropriate

JS - I'm taking an opposing view; donation

SL - because we get tax dollars we need to make sure we're getting the best bang for our buck

JS - topic has been raised and will discuss it further in the future

BA - email from Sandra Besseghini; Mark Rodman state historic preservation officer has resigned; Sandra is working with a new person (CLG) project

Will work on volunteer/membership development after the 4th of July

JS moved that we replace the old laptop with the virus, SL seconded; aye

Move to adjourn, NT; second SL: 7:56 p.m.