

Southeast Spokane Historical Society & Museum
Monthly Meeting: April 21, 2015

Attendees: Barb Neal, Evie Heinevetter, Lisa La Bolle, Geri Knott, Kelley Crockett, Darlene Wernz, Chris Olson, Glenn Leitz, Chuck Crockett

Old Business:

- General
 - Piano/Organ/Music Donation Status
 - Membership Drive
 - Website
 - Building Update
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- March 2015 Minutes were approved
 - Evie reported financial news. We have \$3,386.35 in checking, including in the \$295 in the Latah Mammoth Fund. Our last Avista electricity bill was \$210.15.
 - Keinbaum Reunion is scheduled for Sunday, April 26. The museum will be open from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - Cheryl Fisher's cleanup at the Fairfield Cemetery is planned for Saturday, May 23. Several museum board members are planning to help with yard work and headstone cleaning. They may open the museum after the 1:00 service if there is community interest.
 - Organ Donation Status: We have four left: one electric and three pump organs. Currently in storage.
 - Membership Drive: Evie compiled a large list and had members review it at the meeting. She found a form letter used for previous membership drives and updated it to include more detailed contact information (such as email addresses) for people to send in with their dues so we can keep our membership list current.
 - Website: Lisa will confirm that it contains information about hours and that it can be open by appointment or if we are contacted ahead of time.
 - Building Update: Barb's research found that we can build a 20x10 shed from Ziggy's for about \$2500 which would meet our storage needs and be secure. Evie suggested we utilize the building to store only "non-valuables" such as tables, chairs, etc. not anything that has been donated. Board members agreed.

New Business:

- Museum Security
 - Barbara Curtis Donation
 - Meeting Times Sign
 - Gun Donation Laws
 - Pioneer Cemeteries
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- Museum Security: The Board voted to no longer allow unattended guests into the museum. Previously keys had been available at City Hall and the Fairfield Library that people could request in exchange for leaving a drivers license while

they had the key. From this point forward, one of the members will be called if someone stops for a key and people will be escorted on museum visits. Lisa is getting bids from security companies for an alarm system and will report back at the next meeting.

- We received a donation from Barbara Curtis including several wonderful artifacts from Spangle. She provided a 1940 Spangle Yearbook, several 1930's Spangle school pictures, grammar school yearbooks, a 1918 diploma, Wright School pictures, and a CD of additional photographs. We plan to build a display case for Spangle now, as we have not had enough memorabilia to create one before. Thank you Barbara!
- Barb is building and will hang a sign listing the Museum Board meeting dates and hours so more people can know about the meetings and hopefully attend.
- Barb has been researching the new Washington State gun donation laws. It appears that guns already in our possession are exempt from the law unless we try to transfer them or return them to their owners. The big question is new donations. It appears that the law only allows antique guns (those manufactured prior to 1898) to be donated without a background check, which is a complicated and expensive requirement for a small museum like ours.
- Glenn brought up pioneer cemeteries. There are several in this area, including Spring Valley, Lone Pine, Rigg, and Butte. He noted that our museum has a book on them which includes lists of the people buried in them. He would like to promote more community awareness. We will consider posting this information on our website.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa La Bolle