

***South East Spokane County Historical Society and Museum  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2015***

Attendees: Barb Neal, Evie Heinevetter, Lisa La Bolle, Geri Knott, Charlie Keno, Darlene Wernz, Chris Olson, Gary Ostheller, Kelly Crockett

- ❖ Pioneer Interviews: Interviews are proceeding. Barb was able to contact the people who interviewed Gordon Lederer to request a copy.
- ❖ Additional Storage: Barb researched acquiring a Pod for additional storage, to be located either beside the museum or behind the library next door. Her research found that the Pods tend to have maintenance issues, can be leaky and are not weather-tight. Another concern people expressed was the ease of cutting the locks to get into them. The group discussed other options such as adding a second floor to the existing museum or turning the attic area at the back of the museum into a storage area. Barb noted that we have over 1,000 red bricks left from the initial museum renovation so we could make sure that any add on would be in keeping with the current style. Darlene met with the Fairfield Town Council and learned that:
  1. No permit would be needed if we choose to place a Pod on our site.
  2. A permit will be needed if we decide to add a second floor to the museum. Darlene noted that the Council was favorable toward this option.
  3. A permit would be needed if we decide to add an office onto the back of the museum.
  - **Action**: Barb will discuss the various options with a contractor to see what would be required, the cost, and the permitting issues.
- ❖ Financials: Evie Heinevetter, Treasurer, presented the financial statements that were approved by the Board. We currently have \$3,276.60 in checking. Evie noted a high electric bill from Avista.
- ❖ Energy Efficiency: Barb noted that Avista recommended only the basics for conservation such as changing out all of our light bulbs for more efficient bulbs, a task currently underway. Avista had no further recommendations for us.
  - **Action**: The Board will meet at the Fairfield Care Center during cold months so we don't have to use the heating system any more than necessary.
- ❖ Repairs: A roof leaked caused a sag in a section of sheetrock near the office area in the museum. Barb has been working on roof repairs but that section of sheetrock and insulation need to be replaced.
  - **Action**: Barb is going to request bids on the repair work to see if we can afford to have it done or will need to figure out how to do the work ourselves.
- ❖ Website: Lisa La Bolle developed a new website for the museum: FairfieldMuseumWA.com and is seeking feedback. At the next meeting the

Board will determine if they are ready to go full time with the new website and will decide whether to approve it.

- **Action:** Board members will review the new site.
- **Action:** Once the new website is approved, Lisa will set up pointers from the old website domain name (FairfieldMuseumWA.org) to the new name (FairfieldMuseumWA.com) for a seamless transition.
- **Action:** Once the new website is approved, Lisa will contact area towns to ask that they add links to our new website on their town websites.
- ❖ **Inventory:** The remaining donated organs, pianos, music, etc. are all moved out of the Fairfield Care Center. Most have been donated to other area museums other than the ones we chose to keep in our museum. Barb checked with Owens Auction and learned that we can expect only about \$50 per organ and that's if we only bring in one at a time.
  - **Action:** We should discuss selling the remaining pieces on Craigslist. We are likely to get more money for them that way.
- ❖ **Additional Map Idea:** Charlie Keno came to the meeting to present information on the location of the Mullan Road. He brought maps and showed us areas where the physical location of the trail tends to be in conflict. The experts disagree on the precise location. Before we paint a map on the building we need to gain further information on where the trail goes through Fairfield to be as accurate as possible.
- ❖ Barb thanked all of the volunteers who helped us clean and reorganize the museum.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa La Bolle  
Secretary