

The Anderson Island Historical Society

February 10, 2021 meeting minutes

Zoom Meeting called to order, by Bob Bedoll at 7:00pm

Verification of a Quorum, by Secretary Eileen Laskowski

Attendees: Bob Bedoll, Todd Billett, Ed Stephenson, Jeanne McGoldrick, Rick Anderson, Penne Wilson, Wayne Wallace, Eileen Laskowski, Peggy Hodge, Carol Paschal.

Absent: Wayne Wallace

Approval of Agenda - approved

January minutes - approved

REPORTS

1. President's Report (Bob Bedoll)

A. Two personnel changes this month:

- Larry Grandling is our new Health Department liaison, replacing Dave Jacobsen.
- Paul Oppenheim is taking a leave of absence for the first quarter of 2021 to take the Emergency Medical Training Course. Eileen Laskowski is stepping in as Secretary.

B. Three projects being worked on:

- The Annex is completed.
- The Anderson Island Historical Videos are now viewable. Bob will send out a link to view those videos. These will be used on tablets in the Archival Building that people can use to pull up short videos and watch them. As the Covid restrictions wind down we will be able to interview some key people to supplement the information on the videos.
- The Gift Shop/Farm Internet is temporarily dead. The antenna has been removed from the roof and has been determined that it works but the wire needs to be either restrung or repaired. The Antenna needs to be working before the Gift Shop reopens on April 10th.

2. Vice President's Report (Carol Paschal)

A. The new insurance policy has been reviewed by Kendall Lyman. Now that we have a more complete policy, she says the carriers that back up the new policy are very highly rated.

Kendall mentioned a couple things to consider:

- The insurance is based on the cost value of the buildings – we need to review the value periodically to make sure we are appropriately valuing the buildings, especially the Archival Building.
- Kendall also brought up the cyber-crime part of the policy. We are on the hook for \$50,000 before insurance will pay anything. This is a new area for insurance companies, and they are not comfortable covering the risks for cyber-crime. We may need to look into this portion of the policy a little more.

The cyber-crime that could put us at risk is if someone's credit card was hacked when using it on the website or in the store. Kendall was otherwise very positive about the policy and felt it was very well organized and complete.

- The Financial Policy and Procedures will be completed by the next meeting.

3. Gift Shop (Virginia Cummings)

A. Virginia sent over some Accounting Reports. No activity occurred in the Gift Shop in the month of February other than purchasing additional inventory. Virginia completed all the month-end processes. The Gift Shop is planned to reopen on April 10th.

4. Treasurer Report (Todd Billet)

A. The Profit and Loss Budget for January 2021: The only income we have is membership dues and garden fees. We had \$120 in donations, \$500 in membership dues and \$680 in garden fees. A little over \$1,300 in income.

- B. Expenses: Insurance (4th quarter 2020 L & I) - \$90. Copier machine and stamps \$218. Cleaning supplies \$23.69 and Farmhouse signs \$191.00. Karen Stephens has the signs at the Farmhouse. Equipment repairs are mostly for the old BBQ on the trailer that got fixed and re-tooled.
- C. Events: Larry Grandling will talk with the Health Department. Money is starting to come in for next summer's events. He filled out the application to turn into the Health Department with \$120 application fee.
- D. Last month the only capital expense we had was for the roof insulation for the Annex Building to prevent condensation. Thanks to Rick and his son Jacob who got the family discount for the rolls of insulation.
- E. Virginia paid off the starter loan for the Gift Shop.
- F. Archival Building Fund: We still have \$38,500 and \$5,350 earmarked for the Archival Building, and almost \$28,000 in the Fidelity account totaling around \$70,000. There was some discussion on how to use these funds.

5. Public Information Report (Penne Wilson)

- A. Sounder input – thanks to everyone for Sounder information. There's also information in the Sounder regarding the award we won. Additionally, there's updated information about docents and meetings and projected training for docents. Also included is information about the Gift Shop opening. A write-up about the new Annex Building will be included in next month's issue.
- B. Membership – Bob went through and updated the lifetime membership list. There were 12 members who are deceased and removed from the list.
 - 125 family memberships for 2021 (49 paid, 76 lifetime)
 - 198 family memberships for 2020 (110 paid, 88 life)
 - 233 family memberships in 2019 (145 paid-up, 88 life and honorary)
- C. Website – Bob has updated the website with what we know about the upcoming schedule.

6. Education Report (Peggy Hodge)

- A. Peggy put a sign in the window which provides her contact information for visitors who want to see the Museum or the Archival Building. She asked Ed to also turn on the electric sign.
- B. Hoping to open the Archival Building for visitors in April or May through October.
- C. The docents are planning a Zoom meeting at the end of February. They have some new ideas that they're considering and looking for leaders to run. A Zoom training will occur in late March. If anyone knows someone who would make a great docent, let them know what an exciting opportunity it is! They will also receive the benefit of a year of free membership.
- D. Peggy has spoken to Lynn about signs. Some of the signs may have come in already. She will make sure which ones we already have and work on other signs that are in process.
- E. It was discussed whether it would be safe to be looking for speakers for the Fall events. It was decided she should plan for speakers now in hopes that we can hold events then.
- F. Peggy has watched the short history videos. She commented they are very educational and entertaining. She asked if there will be a tablet at each station or one checked out to each group of visitors as they arrive. Bob commented that Peggy, along with Rick, Penne and the docents, can make that decision. It was also discussed that the tablets would have to be cleaned after each use.

7. Operations and Maintenance Report (Bob Bedoll and Todd Billet)

- A. Repair Dragon – completed. The cider press hydraulic has been repaired.
- B. The orchard pruning is complete as of today, February 10th. All debris has also been hauled down to the burn pile. This is the earliest this project has ever been completed! Usually takes until end of February or early March to complete. It was discussed that with all the apples the McGoldrick's donate, they should also have their orchard pruned!
- C. Finish the Salmon Bake Shed – still in a state of disassembly. Wayne is planning to have that back by July 1st.
- D. Roof over storage area in cold room shed.
- E. Install windows in Coop 2.
- F. Re-roof bathrooms.

- G. Re-engineer the Display Shed so we can display the John Deere bailer.
- H. Build display for the Blizzards.
- I. Redo farm south entry road.

ANNEX

- A. Build door for Annex.
- B. Run electricity to Annex.
- C. Run water to Annex.
- D. Move items into Annex – try to get pallet racks from Boeing to store them on?
- E. Build wood shop in Annex.

8. Archival Annex Building Report (Ed Stephenson)

- A. Annex Grant Report – Ed to get final report on the Annex to the State this week along with some pictures. If they accept it, then we are done with the State on that.
- B. Sue has asked for 10 garden signs for all the gardens. We will try to get those out by next week.
- C. Bob asked them to make a sign for the Annex that lists the assembly crew. A sign made for the new dynamite shed needs to be put up. Also, the sign for the sawmill donation needs to be put up. When items are donated, it's important to recognize their donation. It lets them know we really appreciate it.
- D. Bob asked if the generator for the Archival Building works, and suggested it be checked out next time we lose power to make sure the generator is running.

9. Annex Status (Rick Anderson & Bob Bedoll)

- A. The Annex is complete. It was expected to take until May or June to complete, but thanks to Bob and crew putting in many hours, it's completed early. Kudos to Bob and his crew for all their efforts! Crew: Rick Anderson, Bob Bedoll, Jim Battishill, Chuck Hinds, Mike Wallentini, Paul Dugger, plus appearances by Todd Billet, Glenn Robb, Paul Oppenheim and others. Final Inspection is scheduled for February 11th.
- B. There is a plaque in the peak of the roof. It is proposed the name ANNEX be put on the plaque. AIHS was also suggested. Bob and Rick will make the decision what name to use, however the consensus was that it should be called ANNEX. A dedication of the building will be planned to honor all those who put so much effort into erecting this building.
- C. There are neighbors just to the North of the Annex who recently moved in. When they first bought the house, they were looking at a nice meadow. Now their view is of a commercial building. Jane and Jeanne were asked to come up with some ideas of bushes or trees to be planted along the side of the building.

10. Archives (Rick Anderson)

- A. Movie Award - The Johnson Farm Story, a film put together by John Larson and Bob with the help of Rick and others, premiered in January 2020. The Heritage League of Pierce County was so impressed with the film that they gave us a Special Projects Award. The award was presented last Saturday, February 6th.
- B. Acquisitions - Cindy and Ralph Haugen donated a really nice painting by Billy Hanson of our barn. Also, a large packet of pictures, mostly of the Long family, was donated. The Long family owned a farm for about 50 years and had some role in island affairs. Included in that is a wonderful picture of Hazel and Earle Heckman taken around 1950. Rick is planning to create a folder of each memorable islander to keep in a cabinet in the Museum. The folders will include articles, pictures, and information of each family.

11. Events and Community Report (Jeanne McGoldrick)

- A. First Plant Sale – Held Saturday, May 1st.
- B. Farm Day and the Salmon Bake are being planned.
 - Farm day will be the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. A plant sale plant sale is also planned for that day.
 - The Salmon Bake will be held July 3rd. The first meeting will be set up this month.
- C. The Spring Concert – the Governor has said that live music venues can have 25% of their capacity filled up for live music. This restriction would only allow 75 people including the musicians, to be in the Archival Building. By then, with enough people vaccinated, it could be increased. The concert organizers would like to have a

concert on May 1st, as planned, and a matinee concert on May 2nd. They're also talking about having a summer concert on August 6th or 7th.

12. Secretary (Eileen Laskowski)

- A. Eileen reviewed the "To Do" list. All activities are current.
- B. The resolution from last month to include Bob Bedoll as a signer on all bank accounts - Todd will gather the exact requirements needed for each bank, including Columbia Bank; and provide Bob and Carol with those requirements. They will then make sure we have the proper formatting put into the March minutes. Carol mentioned that Columbia Bank just needs a copy of the minutes, including account numbers, signed by the Secretary.

General Discussion

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.