

Minutes of The Windsor-Severance Historical Society February 22, 2021

The Windsor-Severance Historical Society met via Telephone Conference Call on Monday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Kristie Melendez, Gloria Gaslin, Dan Meyers, Sue Buxmann, Elaine Schlotthauer, Marcia Will-Clifton, and Judy Firestien.

Call to Order - Kristie Melendez called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Monthly Reports/Approvals

November Minutes - The Minutes from the previous meeting on January 25, 2021 were reviewed. Sue moved and Dan seconded the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried. Kristie thanked Gloria for sending the link to the NCC-AHSGR Virtual Christmas Party.

Treasurer's Report – Elaine gave a verbal report on funds; not much has changed from January. The balance in the checking account is \$1,357.75, the balance in the savings account is \$20,192.71, and the balance of the CD is \$3,306.13.

Membership Status/Update – Sue reported there was one new member so far for 2021; Tim Bernhardt. It was nice he joined and remembered the Society. He paid for dues and also made a donation. Kristie mentioned the website had been changed from a holiday promo to be a regular promo of “Give the Gift of History/Membership”.

Last year letters had been mailed out in June for membership renewal. There was discussion about how annual renewals should be handled; from date of payment or according to a certain time period such as calendar year.

After some discussion, it was decided it would be good to send out letters again and timing might be good to send letters out in April/May in order to allow folks to renew for a time period of June to May. This way people could renew during the summer when there are fewer pressures than at the end of the year. Kristie would provide a sample letter for consideration at the next meeting with a renewal date of June 1 and some explanation of how the Society is moving forward with renewals. The membership drive could start June 1.

Sue confirmed she has access to the Facebook page and posts items from time to time.

Kristie will try a Loveland or Fort Collins Post Office to try to apply for the non-profit bulk mailing status sometime before May so it can be used for the membership mailing. Windsor was not able to help.

Old Business

WSHS Luncheon – The luncheon that had been rescheduled for Friday, February 19th at Teds' Sweetwater Grill at noon did not take place because Sue and Kristie were the only ones available to attend and they decided to wait for another time in the Spring when more could participate. This will be rescheduled.

Preserving and Indexing Video Update from Town – Laura was not available for the meeting. No further information had been provided and no further requests had been made to the Society. Kristie does have the hard drive and Kailee will be comparing files on the hard drive with the list to be sure we are not missing any videos. We assume Laura has started the process of having volunteers look through videos and transcribing as she had reported at the last meeting.

WHS VHS Tape Conversion Opportunity – Kristie would follow up on the three videos Sue had turned in to the Windsor High School group for conversion.

WSHS Video for Promotion – Kristie would reach out to see if a high school group might be interested in helping to create a promotional video for the Society. Dan mentioned his contact with Claire Richardson of Preserving with Purpose who might also be able to help for a fee. Dan would email contact information to Kristie. Gloria would provide contact info for NCC-AHSGR for more info on what they have done with regard to promotional videos/presentations. Kristie suggested contacts from WSHS and NCC-AHSGR should get together to discuss possible partnerships among the organizations and possibilities for working together more in the future.

Video Thank You Event for Promotion – A “Video Appreciation Night” had been suggested by Ruth Brunner. This item is kept on the agenda as a place holder. We will wait to hear from Laura as to when the Museum will be more open for events and the Society could create or share in an event to promote the video series. Everything seems to be tentative for now.

Severance Updates – Dan reported there is not much going on. He had been in contact with Nick Wharton with Town of Severance with regard to Dan’s participation in the Society. He asked Nick to ask Staff for any requests they might have on how to move forward and will report back when he hears something. Dan did suggest including a table for WSHS at Severance Days this year to include the “big board” as background along with membership information, etc. The Board is now at Town Hall. He also has a quiz board that was made that could be used at the table. If the Society has anything they would like Severance to do, let them know. Hopefully, by April or May there will be a decision on whether Severance Days will take place in August. Kristie added most membership and participation has been from Windsor folks, so it would be great to be present at Severance Days to let folks know the Society exists. It could also be stressed that the Society is for both Windsor and Severance and the Society would like to get more folks involved.

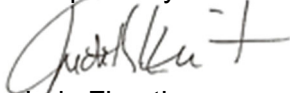
New Business

2021 Ideas – Kristie asked for any ideas for 2021 that the Society could be working on or thinking about or doing. Kristie shared she had been in Fort Lupton and picked up a brochure from the South Platte Valley Historical Society where she read about a series of old-fashioned teas that they host periodically throughout the year. Participants sign up, pay a small fee, and attend. Mothers and Daughters are encouraged or daughters and playmates. It is a fun thing but also a learning opportunity as they are taught some sort of history. Kristie thought something like this could be hosted by the Society; something fun, but also an opportunity to get the Society out in the public. Participants could share in some sort of history. Kristie asked members to think more about this. It could be a way to engage people and encourage youth to become interested in our history which might also interest the parents.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a teleconference call on Monday, March 22, 2021. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. Hopefully, we will be able to meet at the Church again soon.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Firestien
Secretary