

Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Brown
Alyson Childs
Jim Morgan, Chair
Jana Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robin Jensen
Spencer Packer
Nancy Smith

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Minutes of the May 23, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Bob Brown made a **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Jana Taylor seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

DIRECTOR REPORT

Lisa Sommer reported the gardens are growing very well, and people are taking care of their plots. There are 40 plots, and all of them were sold this year. The Museum did not have a garden this year, because the hardscape around the Museum is being planned for a patio behind the Museum.

CLG/RAP UPDATES ON JOBS

Lisa Sommer reported that because of the late winter, the contractors have been working on other jobs which have pushed the Museum RAP jobs past June of FY23. Nate Plazier, City Accountant, told Lisa that unused RAP money from FY23 can be forwarded to FY24, so that no money will be lost. The kitchen sink will be completed by June 30th. The once-a-year deep cleaning of the Museum will take place next week.

The current CLG cycle projects are on track to be completed by August 30th cutoff date:

- Repair and restoration of the front door of the shed per the Fire Marshall's request to meet fire codes.
- Down spouts to be extended.
- Cedar shaker shingles preservation with oil.
- Replacement of damaged shaker shingles.

- Paint around windows and doors.
- Seal stone and mortar on exterior walls.
- Caulk and seal windows.

VICTORIAN TEA PARTY

Lisa Sommer reported there were 96 people who attended the Tea Party. There were 47 tickets sold at a cost of \$30 per ticket, and 49 tickets were given away to people who have provided service to the Museum. The total cost of the caterer was \$2,305, and the guests were pleased with the menu. Lisa reported it was difficult to find servers for this event due to vacations, etc. Those who volunteered did a wonderful job and were much appreciated. A few members of the Centerville Youth Council helped with the Tea and did a professional, efficient job. A request will be made for more Youth Council members to help with next year's event. Paula Morgan, Jim Morgan's (WMB Chair) wife, attended the Tea Party, and she said it was fun and calming, and plants to attend next year with more friends. Effective advertising of this event must be done if it is held in the future.

STORYTELLING – BEAR RIVER MASSACRE

Lisa Sommers reported Darren Parry, a Shoshone Indian, leader, author of the 'The Bear River Massacre,' and lecturer; did the June Storytelling Event on the Bear River Massacre that occurred on January 29, 1863. The United States Government massacred over 400 Shoshone Indians near Preston, Idaho. One of the women who survived the massacre lived to be 104 years old. The land where the massacre occurred has been given back to the Shoshone Nation, and is being restored to its previous habitat. Kiosks tell the story as funds are being raised to build an interactive center.

JULY 4th ACTIVITIES

Lisa Sommer, Connie Larson, and Whitaker Board members will be selling root beer floats in front of the Museum on July 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The floats will be sold for 25 cents each, and the money will be used to purchase summer plants for the garden. Judy Gunn will be on the porch spinning silk with her spinning wheel.

FLASHBACK FOR JULY

The Flashback activity will be the Heritage Fair on July 13th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Lisa Sommer distributed a flyer showing the locations of the events on the Museum grounds. There will be pioneer period games, spinning wheel demonstrations, horseshoeing demonstration, mountain man lecture, and Mormon Battalion demonstrations. Potato and corn food booth and some other activities including Clive Romney's performance that night.

The August Flashback will be held on August 10th at City Hall. Robin Jensen and Bryce King will be conducting the “Oregon Trail” games.

Lisa Sommer reported there have been many visitors at the Museum, and there were visitors from New Mexico today. The Museum would like to acquire more docents.

The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25th at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

At 6:00 p.m., Jana Taylor made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Alyson Childs seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

Jennifer Robison
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

8-24-2023
Date Approved


Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

