

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Community Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

McQuarrie Memorial Museum

Minutes

1. Called to Order at 10:04 a.m. by Chad Bennion, President.
2. Board Members Present: Chad Bennion, Loren Webb, Maureen Parks, Teresa Orton, George Cannon, Karl McMullin, and Linda Shogren
Brad Bennett was excused; Jesse Stocking was absent. A Board quorum was present.
Community members attending: Ron Carberry (docent at Silver Reef Museum), Trevor Cox (Utah Tech Library), Vivian McMullin (wife of Karl McMullin, Board member), _____ and.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Teresa Orton, Treasurer.
4. Minutes of Community Meeting on February 26, 2025, will stand as written.
5. Committee Reports:

Standing Committees

- a. Administrative – Teresa Orton. Still working on Policies & Procedures; continuing to talk to city employees about St. George LIVE!, there is a video of the entire tour which she will obtain for reference; no communication with Story Corps which will be in St. George April 24 – May 23, 2025; need a Mission Statement for grant submission, the one the society has now is too old.
- b. Membership – Linda Shogren
- c. Chad Bennion – Update on Lynn Clark Media Collection – The Steering Committee continues to meet with the Clark family. May have more news in March.
- d. Chad Bennion – Status of Policies & Procedures document. It will be a manual to accompany the Society's Bylaws. A committee will be formed to write the document.
- e. Chad Bennion – Status of Policy Supporting Foundations. Because of several requests for assistance with being the depository for foundation funds due to the Society's 501(3)(c) status, a committee will be formed to write the document.
- f. Chad Bennion – Committees. There will be two categories of committees: "Standing," where the chairman must be a member of the Society, and "Special Project", where the chairman does not have to be a member of the Society.
- g. Chad Bennion – Monuments in Washington County. All Board members were asked to assist with documenting all monuments in Washington County in connection with the Utah Historical Society's desire to continually update its statewide monuments database.

- h. George Cannon – Webmaster. Adoption of the WCHS logo for the website will be discussed at the March Board Meeting.
- i. Loren Webb – 1st Vice President, Status of Chris Caldwell Media Collection. George and Loren will meet with Chris about putting photos from the Spectrum on the WCHS webpage.
- j. Loren Webb – Status of Dixie Photo Collection. Sharon Snow has asked Loren to compile a list of “old-timers,” including name, phone no., and email, for a database to use in her efforts to identify owners of photos. Time period of photos is 1940s to early 1990s. Ideas were discussed as to how to get the photos in front of the public, i.e., WCHS Facebook page, St. George Word of Mouth, St. George Remember When....
- k. Natalie Larsen, St. George City Council member, contacted Loren Webb for assistance in planning and executing activities for Dixie Days, which will be the second week in September.
- l. Brad Bennett and Loren Webb are pursuing reinstatement of a class through Community Education, “History of Washington County.” They will promote Rick Atkin to be the instructor.
- m. Maureen Parks – Newsletter, release date March 20; deadline for submissions March 13.
- n. Teresa Orton – Update on Ronald Iverson Foundation. Money will go through WCHS.
- o. Teresa Orton – Status of St. George LIVE! Teresa has a contact at the City of St. George willing to assist in re-establishing St. George LIVE! The contact wants a commitment from the WCHS Board and community members to participate as re-enactors.
- p. Teresa Orton – StoryCorps is returning to St. George for Utah Public Radio, April 24 – May 23, 2025. Teresa will follow up for more details.

6. Community Members’ Updates on Projects.

- a. Ron Carberry is researching the moving of a Silver Reef saloon to St. George. The saloon became the offices of the Washington County News, 23 East St. George Boulevard; the newspaper closed on March 8, 1988. Discussion ensued regarding different repositories to research.
- b. Trevor Cox, Utah Tech University Librarian, reported the four lectures given in February through the Heritage Cove Lecture series at the Udvar Hazy Building were well attended. The presenters were Reuben Wadsworth, Lyman Hafen, Loren Webb, and Shanandoah Anderson,
- c. Susie Nilsson reported the Santa Clara History Museum is now open Monday through Thursday 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- d. Susie and Chad Bennion will meet with Stephen Wade about the destruction of petroglyphs on Stephen Wade property. There is a map somewhere showing all the petroglyphs in the area.
- e. Susie is compiling a list of monuments in Santa Clara.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Next Community Meeting will be Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 10:00 a.m.