

Shawnee Historical Society
Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2012
6:45 pm

Meeting held at Shawnee Tea Room, Shawnee, CO.

Attending: Barbara Jerome Behl, Leona Nelson, Lyn Hayden, Arthur Hall, Amy Unger, Jean & Doug Stephens, Glen & Alice Ryan, Dee Brown, Karen & Craig Christianson.

Lyn moved to approve the grant request, from Park County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission (PCHPAC), for the sum of \$2,000 to assist the historic Glenn Isle Lodge railing restoration. Leona seconded the motion. Approved

Leona moved to adopt the Current Bylaws & Articles of Incorporation from the Park County Historical Society (PCHS) for the Shawnee Branch. Lyn seconded the motion. Approved

Approval of the November 15, 2011 minutes: Leona clarified that she had requested to speak about the Shawnee Cemetery at this present meeting. Barbara agreed to fit that in the schedule.

The meeting started with Leona updating the members about the Colorado School of Mines possibly doing a survey, with ground penetrating radar equipment, to locate graves in the Shawnee Cemetery. It will be similar to what is being done at the Lake George Cemetery. Leona spoke with Steve Plutt, currently working on that project, who told her he would put the Shawnee Cemetery on his list. Como Cemetery will be having the identification done next. Leona presented a copy of the transfer of the Shawnee Cemetery to Park County.

Barbara talked about planning a date for Shawnee History Day. Possibly, on May 12th the day of the car show in Bailey or move the date to another month? Need to work around other things being planned in May. Shawnee Historical Society (SHS) would like to partner with the U.S. Forest Service somehow involving their pack mules and their historic barn, etc. Glen called the Supervisor's Office and they gave the okay but cannot help with any money. They have a busy year coming up so the SHS needs to make a decision on a date soon.

Amy Unger, Preservation Planner for Park County, spoke about her role with the PCHS and how she can help the SHS with their endeavors. Amy is very interested in helping with walking tours in Shawnee. She can help with online applications, printing brochures, and grants for brochures. She said that it's unique to have funding from the state for historic preservation. SHS is eligible for state and local grants and grant/tax credits. She is looking for projects that have large benefits to communities and if the communities can raise money to match, that could really help with identification, protection, and promotion of these historical areas. Amy said it's her job to navigate through the funding process. She is very interested in adding properties to the historical preservation list. There was discussion about a cabin that was left in Bailey (Payne Gulch) estimated to be built back in the 1920's. Arthur said for a building to be historical it needs to be a minimum of 50 years old. The owner left it with no heirs. This cabin is filled with old relics. Leona said she could temporarily store things in her garage and barn,

PCHS members talked about the insurance problems they're running into because they don't know the worth of the historical buildings in McGraw Park, for example. There's been vandalizing of the bathrooms and bridge in the park. They have no idea of how much insurance to buy because they don't know the value of the buildings/property. Fixing and replacing damage

to historical buildings/property is expensive and insurance companies don't want to cover it. PCHS members wanted to know if there is money for property valuation. Also, they asked about funding for security cameras to dissuade vandals. Leona said she will try to raise money for cameras and Arthur is researching costs. Amy said she would talk to the committee about funding for cameras/security.

Amy gave out a newsletter she has just started called 'Preservation Matters.' It will come out quarterly.

February 21st Rhonda Dusatko will give a presentation on Charlie Tyler.

Next SHS meeting will be February 21, 2012, 6:30 pm at the Shawnee Tea Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Minutes were recorded by Lyn Hayden.