



HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

City Hall - 10769 W State Street, Star, Idaho

Thursday, September 8, 2022

6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chip Sitton called the Historical Committee Meeting to order at 6:04 pm

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chip Sitton, Lynn Davis, Jane Raynor, Meredith Hudson. Excused Absent: David Hershey

3. LIBERTY GRANGE HALL UPDATE

Chip Sutton gave an update on how things were going with the Liberty Grange Hall. The 3rd party offer to Madi Hastings fell through and there are no other parties interested at this time.

Chip went to Grange Headquarters and visited with Ilene Javaux and was given a document of the first 50 years of Liberty Grange, how it was established, and a listing of the charter members and Grange Masters. Meredith Hudson will scan this document and it will be distributed to all committee members.

They would like to establish a foundation to create a museum and they are thinking the Grange Hall could be that place. There was a discussion on purchasing the building and moving it to a different location. The building needs to have parking and a historical component. If they were to get the Grange Hall, the building itself could be an exhibit. There was talk about Madi Hastings possibly gifting the building to the City.

4. ORAL HISTORY PROPOSAL WITH REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Lynn Davis gave each committee member a copy of the proposal to read through and briefly discussed it. They would like to have a dedicated space on the City website for the oral histories.

5. BARN DOCUMENTATION PROPOSAL WITH REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Lynn Davis led a discussion regarding the barn documentation proposal. Randy Biddle will be the photographer. They will be asking the City to provide a list of barns so they can get the histories and photographs. A barn on Black Cat Rd between Overland and Franklin was mentioned.

Lynn mentioned an Aging Farmers article and talked about the loss of irrigation systems due to growth and how important it is to manage growth in order to preserve farms.

When Dean gets back into the country, they can begin the barn proposal.

Lynn went to the James Castle Museum and shared a little history of James, Idaho's most famous artist, who lived in Star.

There was also mention of some other historical events through Star, specifically the Oregon Trail. They would like to further investigate the history of the Oregon Trail through Star, such as where in Star did they cross.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chip Sitton adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.