



HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

City Hall - 10769 W State Street, Star, Idaho

Thursday, October 13, 2022

6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chip Sitton called the Historical Committee Meeting to order at 6:03 pm

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chip Sitton, Jane Raynor, Nathan Day, Meredith Hudson. Lynn Davis attended via telephone.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Chip Sitton moved to have the September 8 minutes approved. All committee members signified aye. Minutes approved.

4. MEMBER REPORTS

A. Liberty Grange Hall Update

Madi Hastings did not have any response or follow through from the developer for the proposal, so a sale is not imminent and no other proposals on the table. She wants to have the building preserved, so there is a concern about moving the building and how far it could be moved while maintaining its integrity. There was talk about contacting Mike Moyle to see if he might donate some property, and also ask if he knows the history of his property and if original homesteaders were on his property.

5. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL

A. Oral History Collection (Action Item)

Chip Sitton talked with Dean Hagerman from Boise State regarding the cost for recording the oral histories. Dean proposed \$150 per interview for audio documentation. His normal fee is \$500. To add in transcription would be an additional \$25 per hour to transcribe. Dean does his own research to provide more context and it was estimated that the cost would be about \$300 per interview.

There are presently 9 people who have been identified for interviews already. (Jane Raynor has already been completed by the Historical Committee). The committee discussed others who could be interviewed, and Gary Olsen and Del Stevens were suggested. A few suggestions for finding others would be to talk with those who have been long term residents of Star to see if they know of additional people and having Dana Partridge put out a public notice for recommendations, which could also generate interest in the project.

It was determined that the committee could ask for funding for 20 interviews at \$300 per interview. This would include the oral interview and transcription. Any leftover funds would go toward a portable exhibit until a permanent building is acquired and could be used to potentially expand the committee with resources.

Lynn Davis is in Virginia and will return on November 7. She has been working with Dean via email. She would like to see the oral histories be just the beginning of a history of Star. She mentioned the history and significance of the canal system and Oregon Trail. Dean can serve as the historian and maybe even create a history book for schools and libraries and to sell at the museum someday. For future projects, Dean could



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be the first point of contact since he is trained in historical research and can bring continuity to the projects. Lynn was recognized for using her resources at Boise State in helping to find Bob Reinhardt, who recommended Dean.

The committee would like to find out where Star was in American History, especially where the Oregon Trail crossed. September of next year, Liz Hobson will be conducting a historical tour. The committee is researching places in Star to include on the tour. Charlie Simpson's old log cabin was suggested as one place.

Chip moved to request \$300 per documented oral history of Star for 20 people for a total of \$6000. Whatever is left over would be used for Step 2, to hire an exhibit production crew for a portable exhibit. All committee members signified "aye." Motion carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Lynn Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Nathan Day seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Meredith Hudson

Meredith Hudson, Deputy City Treasurer