

Regular Meeting 8/17/22

Members Present: Jody Reeser, Heather Theissen-Reily, LeeAnn Mick, Kathleen Curry, David Russell, Shelley Popke

Others Present: Erica Kinias, Director of Gallery & Museum Management, WCU

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Jody opened the meeting and the group reviewed minutes from June 15, 2022 and July 20, 2022. Kathleen (Jody 2<sup>nd</sup>) made a motion to approve. It passed unanimously.

Heather introduced Erica Kinias. Erica has taken her new position at WCU with an impressive resume and is a potential resource for our group and she is interested in becoming involved in the local history scene and projects.

WCU Student representative Tristen Coleman was not able to attend to provide an update for the Walking Tour/Downtown Signs project. Jody will request an update from him via email. Shelley has requested guidance on which buildings are good options for members to do research on. Jody will request this information from Tristen also and will work on a guide for how to start research.

Heather gave an update regarding potential public history archive and scanning spaces. She is discussing this potential with the local Masons, Larry at the Pioneer Museum, and the Peace Museum. Kathleen said Lila H. has donated historic books and resources to the museum and she is also interested in finding a resource room that could also be for supervised research of such documents. It was mentioned that the new library may be a potential option to ask also.

Somerset 2023 Survey grant application is still planned to be submitted. Jody said she will begin reviewing and updating last year's application for the submittal. Kathleen said she is working to document historic coal mining towns and will check on how her research may be able to tie into the application or survey.

Heather was able to visit the Hotchkiss museum and found helpful articles and pictures to include in the Sommerset Oral histories project. She is planning to also contact the Paonia museum to review their resources. She was able to begin the first of the oral history interviews and is looking for more WCU students to work on the project and then will schedule with potential interviewees.

The 2022 Historic Agricultural Significance Honor Award was presented to Phyllis and Richard Guerrieri by Jody and the photo is on the website. David concluded the Honor article in conjunction with Cara Guerrieri (daughter) and it was published in the Gunnison Times and the C.B. News and is on our website.

LeeAnn brought up that the Gunnison Watershed School District has recently gained ownership of the historic Marble Schoolhouse. The building is in need of repairs and some rehabilitation work. Her contact, Amy Rusby, will be given Jody's contact information to learn more about History Colorado resources that may be available for the project.

Heather has been reviewing slides and other items Duane Vandebusch is donating to the Town of Crested Butte's museum and found an early 1900's hand drawn map of the town. She brought and showed the map to us and will follow up with Mike Pelletier to see if he has more information on it. Jody mentioned we should check in with Mike also on the location of the other historic hand drawn maps that were found in the basement of the old courthouse before it's demolition. She had recently been looking through the old County books, stored above the Treasurer's office, that were part of that preservation project, but the location of the maps was unknown.

Kathleen mentioned a barn on Doylevill Lane (c. 1878) that the current owner's are interested in applying for Landmark Listing. They would like to preserve and restore the structure and are interested in learning of potential funding resources. Jody said she would check with The Colorado Historical Foundation, an organization she has recently learned about, to see if there is any potential private project grants or funding opportunities there.

LeeAnn brought up that the Gunnison Episcopal Church is back in discussion on the application for historic landmark application after a pause due to the pandemic.

Meeting adjourned at ~6:15