

Monday, August 26, 1968
12:00 Noon
Burrows Motor Co. Bldg.

YAKIMA VALLEY SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION
OF EARLY WESTERN AMERICANA
MINUTES

Present: John Noel, Jr., Presiding Gordon Hanson
John Bloxom Click Relander
Alex Deccio Bud Applegate
Bud Robertson Bob Bargewell

Guests: Ron Cameron and Dr. Kirk Nelson

Minutes: Minutes were approved as mailed.

Dr. Kirk Nelson, Glacier Galleries Kalispell, Montana: Dr. Kirk Nelson, owner of Glacier Galleries, Kalispell, Montana, visited Mabton to see the museum, and on learning it was in Yakima decided to visit us. Dr. Nelson had hopes of trading with Dr. Gannon for his Yakima Indian artifacts for those that pertain to his Montana area.

We list the following quotes from his comments:

"Bob Scriber, Browning, Montana, grosses \$35,000.00 in 4 months with a much lesser museum than yours."

"Buffalo Bill and Custer in Cody, Wyoming, grosses \$250,000.00 per year."

"Billings, Don Foot, has period carriages and artifacts collection on sale for \$1,000,000.00."

"Montana Historical Society in Helena makes \$100,000.00 net per year on sales in the gift shop."

"Another successful museum is the Trig Russell Foundation in Great Falls, Montana."

Dr. Nelson in examining our Indian artifacts inventory stated that we got a "steal" at \$35,000.00.

"A Wall Street Journal add would sell our museum immediately at a large profit, if we so desired."

Ron Cameron: Mr. Cameron submitted entire layout plans. He gave immediate layout of built-in fixtures. Mr. Robertson will attain carpenters and proceed.

The lumber must be Kiln dry, inside pegboards are to be white or off-white.

Finance: John Noel, Jr. explained all payments made to date, and stated Ray Ehl is retained at \$560.00 per month for mechanical work on a temporary basis. Chairman Noel stated Mr. Robertson's, Museum Director, salary had been renegotiated to \$600.00 per month retro-active to employment date.

Gift Shop: John Bloxom moved and Alex Deccio seconded the authorization of Chairman John Noel, Jr., to purchase the gift shop from Dr. Gannon at the best terms possible. Questions: Unanimous

NO MEETING LABOR DAY!

Robert N. Bargewell,
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING - MONDAY, SEPT. 9 -12:00 Noon- Same Place
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