

Tuesday, November 26,
1968 - 12:00 Noon
Burrows Building

YAKIMA VALLEY SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION
OF EARLY WESTERN AMERICANA
Minutes

Present: John Noel, Jr., Presiding John Bloxom
Ted Robertson Click Relander
Babe Hollingbery M. Todd Smith
Robert N. Bargewell Alex Deccio
Bud Robertson Paul Benz

Minutes: Since the minutes were mailed they were not read.

Henry Ford Museum Mr. Noel reported on his trip to the Henry Ford Museum stating that they charge \$1.75 per adult and 75 cents for young people up to 14 years of age.

REPORTS
Robert N. Bargewell Mr. Bargewell announced that the meters have been removed in front of the museum, however, signing has not been completed. Governor Evans was unable to attend as well as Senator Warren Magnuson. Mr. Will Rogers, Jr. will be the guest speaker at the luncheon and at the ribbon cutting ceremony. The luncheon will be held at the Chinook Hotel and over 200 invitations have been sent out. The Davis or Eisenhower Band will play at the ceremony. Name badges will be made for those attending the luncheon. KIT will cover the ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Bloxom went over the list of invitations and he asked if any other people should be added. Mr. Bargewell asked Mr. Noel about the News Media Luncheon.

Bud Robertson Mr. Robertson stated that cards with plastic covers will be placed in a bracket for the description of each article. The parking lot will be painted and there will be room for 44 cars. The wall was repainted in the large room. They must have seven fire extinguishers and five exits. He received a quote from Cascade Fire Equipment. Seven Fire extinguishers would cost \$184.75 and \$40.00 per door to install the fire proof exits. The tile for the outside container will be repaired today.

Paul Benz Mr. Noel stated that he had asked Mr. Benz to set up the Gift Shop and he has done an outstanding job. Mr. Benz stated that the gift shop items have been inventoried and the retail price put on each item. He feels that in the first year, a \$11,000 net profit could be obtained. He stated that a carbon type sales book will be needed. He didn't put some of the junk items out because it would distract from the shop. He mentioned people who may want to put money down on an item or lay it away. Mr. Noel stated that the shop items will be on a cash basis until a later time. Some of the gift shop inventory items were not put in the gift shop because Mr. Relander felt that they should go in the Museum, like the Buffalo head, and choice baskets. Mr. Noel asked if some of the board members would like to purchase items and Mr. Benz asked if the employees would receive a discount. Mr. Hollingbery stated that the prices on the items should be final and no bargaining taking place. He further stated that we should look for replacements in the gift shop items and Dr. Gannon should supply this list. Dr. Gannon has done so.

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Gift Shop Mr. Relander stated that a committee called Accessions should be set up to purchase new items, etc. Mr. Benz stated that he is now working in the Indian Room and doing the inventory. Mr. Relander stated that the shop was up in a hurry and Mr. Benz did a professional job in doing it. Mr. Benz asked to put the old chandelier from the Yakima Hotel in the Gift Shop as conversational piece. Mr. Deccio stated that it was in the Hotel in the late 1800's. Mr. Relander stated that Dr. Gannon did the group a favor on the gift shop at the price he asked.

SIGNS Signs have been placed on the exterior of the museum bldg. Mr. Bloxom asked if they were to be seen at night. Mr. Noel stated they were not but perhaps later they could change them.

Bub Robertson Mr. Robertson stated that all the wagons are grouped together by category. Mr. Ron Cameron sent his interior decorator over and she layed out the entire items on paper. They will save the farm and road equipment display until a later date.

FURNITURE Mr. Bloxom stated that he has contacted Mr. Schultz for the furniture for the lounge area and if the items are not delivered by Friday, he will make a personal call.

BILLS Mr. Noel stated that he paid all the bills before he left on his trip taking money out of his own account.

JACKETS The Visitors & Convention Bureau has approximately seven or eight jackets that Board members can wear for the grand opening. Mr. Noel felt that we shouldn't order any more.

BOOKLET Mr. Ted Robertson asked if a booklet of history on the museum and items in the museum will be published. Mr. Noel stated that it would be put out later.

The meeting adjoured at 1:30 p.m.

John Noel, Jr.
Chairman

Bobbie Bennett,
Recording Secretary

*Meeting
Mr. Noel
Dec. 3*