

Yakima Frontier Museum
Tuesday, December 17,
1968
Burrows Building

YAKIMA VALLEY SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF
EARLY WESTERN AMERICANA
Minutes

Present: John Noel, Jr., Presiding J. S. Applegate
M. Todd Smith Ted Robertson
Robert N. Bargewell George Martin
Gordon Hanson Bud Robertson

Guest: Walter Weeks, Jr.

MUSEUM
OPENING
COMMENTS

Discussion was held on the museum opening and all members felt that it was very successful. Mr. Noel read the letter that Mr. Bargewell sent to Mr. Will Rogers thanking him for coming to Yakima.

BILLS

Mr. Noel stated that he had not completed the financial report. He thanked Mr. Robertson for helping with the labor on the installation of the heaters which saved \$100 to \$200. He stated that he paid half of the Burien bill. \$1,100.98. They will discuss finances at the next meeting.

DONORS

Mr. Noel distributed the list of donors to date. Mr. Bud Bohosky has donated several wagons to the Museum and would like a sign saying that he gave these in honor of his father. He will keep them until Spring. Mr. Fred Feller has offered to donate a 54 year old Dodge car in memory of his wife. Mr. Martin stated that when people donate items we will have a file system that when three copies of the acceptance form are made up, one copy will go to the donor and the others filed under subject matter and by number.

LEASE WITH
ELKS

Mr. Noel stated that he paid the Elks \$600.00 which is half of the amount due through December. He will try and give them another check by the end of the year.

He stated it is most important to pay our bills.

REPORT ON
ADMISSIONS
AND GIFT
SHOP

Mr. Bud Robertson stated that the gift shop took in \$1,621.66 and the admissions to the museum were \$487.64. Mr. Noel stated that both he and Mr. Robertson have deposit books and Mr. Robertson deposits the money from the museum in the bank and notifies Mr. Noel of each deposit. It was stated that Dr. Gannon is going to pick up more items for the shop. Mr. Martin feels that we will have Indians come in to sell their items and if we treat them properly and right this could be another source of items for the shop.

ACQUISITION
COMMITTEE

Mr. George Martin, Mr. Click Relander,, Dr. William Gannon and Mr. Bud Robertson will serve on the Acquisition Committee.

LEASE

Mr. Applegate just received the lease and he stated that he will apply for the non profit status from the State.

LIGHTING	They will explore the night lighting for the building.
MEMBERSHIP IN ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL	Mr. Noel and Mr. Deccio attended a recent meeting of the Allied Arts Council and they asked the museum to become members at no cost. Members agreed to join. Mr. Bud Robertson stated that he had received museum application for membership in the American Museum Association for \$25.00. It was agreed that the museum should join
SUMMER HOURS	Mr. Bud Robertson recommended opening the museum at 10:00 a.m. in the Summer.
COST OF OPERATION	Mr. Applegate asked the cost operating the museum and Mr. Bargewell stated it cost approximately \$90.00 a day to open the doors and \$2,700 a month.
SELECTION OF ACCOUNTANT	Mr. Applegate will ask Mr. Boyd of BoydOlofson if he would donate his services until the museum is on its feet. The members concurred.
SIGNS FOR SUNDAY	Mr. Smith recommended a sign in front of the museum on Sunday to make people aware that the museum is open on Sunday. He also suggested black on white ads in the paper. Mr. Ted Robertson stated the museum director could work this out with the ad department at the Paper.
INSURANCE	Mr. Noel talked to the Elks and there is an overlap on the insurance on the building.
AS THE VALLEY WAS BOOK	Mr. Bert Broad asked for 50 copies of the book "As the Valley Was" and Mr. Noel instructed Mr. Bargewell to do so. Mr. Broad sold the 50 copies and we sold him 50 more.
LONG RANGE PLANS	Mr. Smith asked what long range plans they have for the museum site and Mr. Noel stated that they are taking a hard look at a location.
SUGGESTION	Mr. Walter Weeks suggested that a wonderful market for the museum would be the mothers with children at home and when the weather is bad the museum would be a perfect place to spend the day. He also suggested birthday parties at the museum for young people. Mr. Applegate suggested a Family rate.
CLOSED	The museum will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Christmas and New Year's.
	The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN JANUARY AND YOU WILL BE
NOTIFIED -
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

John Noel, President Bobbie Bennett, Recording
Secretary