

1968
12:00 Noon
Burrows Motor Co.
Bldg.

YAKIMA VALLEY SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF
EARLY WESTERN AMERICANA MEETING
MINUTES

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Present: John Noel, Jr., Presiding
Babe Hollingbery
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M. Todd Smith
Ted Robertson
Bill Bolger
Alex Deccio
Robert N. Bargewell

Guest: Dr. William Gannon

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the recording secretary.

Welcome Mr. Noel extended a welcome to Dr. Gannon.

Bill Bolger's Report Mr. Bolger presented his report on the five basic needs for the museum, namely
1) Finance
2) Home
3) Name
4) Mother
5) Promotional Plan

Mr. Bolger distributed sheets describing the five basic needs and reviewed the report.

Dr. Gannon Dr. Gannon stated that he would recommend using a floor plan and divide the floor into areas and inventory the collection for each area. He recommended a theme for each area, like "Harness Shop", "Blacksmith Shop". Dr. Gannon endorsed the mural Mr. Bolger suggested. Dr. Gannon stated that he expects to complete his inventory this week. He has placed many items in foot lockers and each box has an invoice and also the inventory includes the price and value. He felt the biggest problem would be to clean the building and move the items.

Moving Mr. Bargewell reported that Major Deccio had called him and the Army could move the collection July 12.

Suggestions for Display Mr. Bolger recommended using pegboard for displaying items and asked Dr. Gannon to assist him with the floor plan. He stated that he would like to see several rough hue logs used in the decor and traffic lanes be designed.

Inventory Mr. Hollingbery stated that he had gone to Mabton and talked to Dr. Gannon regarding the inventory. Dr. Gannon stated that he might hold the inventory down to \$70,000 if the group wanted to dispose of some items but he felt the collection was priced at a realistic figure and the group should take the entire collection because of the value and they will never have another chance to purchase items of this type. Dr. Gannon stated that the items in the shop are not included in any figure. The shop merchandise has to be paid as the items are taken. He can't lump the shop inventory with the museum inventory.

Finance

Mr. Bargewell reported that to date they have collected \$11,250 including Mr. Robertson's \$5,000 that was submitted earlier for the Indian Artifact collection. However, the \$6,000 earlier collected has been applied against the note on the Indian Artifact. Mr. Robertson stated that Mr. James Bronson has originally wanted to give \$5,000.00 and he will contact him. Mr. Hollingbery felt we should leave the \$5,000 in the bank against the Indian Artifact and raise the balance for the Wagon collection.

Selection of
Board

M. Todd Smith recommended an evening meeting. Mr. Hollingbery suggested that we have a general meeting and advise them of what action has taken place and what we need. It was suggested that after selecting the board, letters be sent out asking them to be a member and enclose cards. Mr. Robertson recommended personal calls. Mr. Noel stated that the next meeting will be devoted entirely to selecting a board.

Valley
Representatives

Mr. Hap Smith in Sunnyside was suggested and Dr. Gannon stated that he will advise the group later of Valley people.

Dr. Gannon stated that in regard to Mr. Bolger's suggestion to have a "Wagon-Masters Club he would suggest \$100.00 for a life membership and \$5.00 annually.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Bobbie Bennett,
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING - BURROWS MOTOR CO. BLDG. - 12:00 Noon
MONDAY, JULY 8, 1968
