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General Membership Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2009

President, Linda Harkleroad called the meeting to order. Introductions were made around the room and birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

Serena Leibrant gave a profile that was guessed by Linda Harkleroad. The person described in the profile was Walt Pollman. One of the interesting things that we learned was that Walt's favorite smell is strawberries.

The minutes of the last membership meeting were approved with a motion from Paul Nelson and a second from Annette Bagley.

The treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Donna Pollman and a second from Kathy Chasteen.

Board Review

The final mark up of the Bergsma House lease will be discussed at the City Council meeting on May 4th. The Holeman cabin has been pressure washed and chinked and cleaned and made bug resistant and will be paid for by the Heritage Society at a cost of \$1,670.00. Education program plans are well underway and the first day will be May 1st. As of Tuesday afternoon of the 28th there was no electricity at the park. Bill Henry the electrician was to have the power on by April 30th. Upgrades include a main trunk line and additional electricity to all the cabins. The Whatcom community foundation had a meeting at the Tillicum house and we refunded their rent since they have made major contributions to the Heritage Society. The Ferndale arts commission also used the Tillicum House at no cost. The Old Settlers Association is looking for someone to line up volunteers to man the cabins during the Old Settlers Picnic. The Board decided that we need a 5 year budget plan and goals for the coming years. There are plans to get the old school house from Intalco.

The city council meeting was attended by Heritage Society members with an interest in what goes into the old Boys and Girls club. Fifty one parking spaces will be lost to the library if they move into the old Boys and Girls Club. Elinor King was not in favor of the library going into that space. The flowers which Elinor takes care of are looking great, she attributes that to the absence of the Boys and Girls Club at the park.

Old Business

The Mystery trip will be on May 30th. We will meet at the Whatcom transit hub at 8 am and return to Ferndale at 4:30 or 5pm. The cost is \$20.00 per member. We will be making two stops and go to two towns. We are all supposed to figure out what Stillaguamish means.

The Education Program is starting on Friday, May 1st and the cabins are filthy. Some help is needed to get them in good shape by Friday. Julie Aamot stated that a good sweeping will help. Donna Pollman read the list of volunteers for Friday. She has had three cancellations so far and needs some recommendations or people to fill in if they can.

Committee reports

Steve Leibrant of the building committee reported that the Holeman House was being worked on.

Elinor King reminded everyone of the Plant Sale on Saturday, May 2nd at Samuels Furniture parking lot at 8 am. Ruth Ashe volunteered to be the cashier since treasurer, Beth Buckland will be out of town.

Dolores Norris our sunshine lady reported that she sent cards to Earline Nelson who lost her mother, and to the Buckland family because Don Buckland lost his mother too.

The Bergsma House committee has put the final draft of the lease in the hands of the City.

Applications for tour guides have been received and will be reviewed.

There were several applications for the Performing Arts Scholarship that will be awarded on Senior Recognition night at the High School.

May 7th will be the fourth annual Community Meeting at Cascadia Elementary School. Groups can have a table at the event to promote their group. The program will be short and those present will have an opportunity to vote on what they think is the most important projects to be worked on. The meeting starts at 6:30 and goes until 8:30pm. Over 200 people have been invited including several dignitaries including Governor, Christine Gregoire.

Kathy Chasteen reported that the Ferndale Community Service Cooperative would like to have more Board members. They are also looking for ways to have more income.

Mark Your Calendars

May 1st thru May 29, 2009 Education Program at Pioneer Park
May 2nd 8am to noon Heritage Society Plant sale at Samuel's Parking lot
May 2nd 8am to 4 pm Community Wide Garage Sale
May 12, 7 pm Ferndale Heritage Society Board meeting at the Bergsma House
May 26, 7 pm Heritage Society General Meeting
May 30th 2009 Mystery Bus Trip ... Sign up now call Julie at 366-4238
Every Saturday, Farmers Market at Riverwalk Park for 2009 season

Other Ferndale Events

May 23 Ski to Sea Parade
May 24, Ski to Sea Race
May 30th Ferndale Clean Up day
June 6-7 Scottish Highland Games at Hovander Park
June 20th Ferndale Boys and Girls Club annual Dinner /Auction
June 28th Sandy Point Garden tour
July 23-27 Old Settlers Picnic
August 29th Annual Ferndale Street Festival

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Chasteen, Secretary