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**General Membership Meeting
Minutes of August 25, 2009**

President Linda Harkleroad called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the August potluck picnic meeting.

Introductions were made around the room. Birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged. Jim Elliott said grace. The first table to go through the buffet line was the one who had the most people who went to the Northwest Washington Fair the week before. The main entree of pork was provided by Louise Sager, everyone else brought a side dish along with the recipe for a future Heritage Society cookbook.

BOARD MEETING NOTES

The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Kathy Chasteen and a second from Serena Leibrant.

Elinor King was one of the representatives at the Library meeting that took place on August 3rd. at WECU from 9 am to 5 pm. She reported that there was a full crowd with nine consultants, three council members, City staff and City employees. Out of the 24 people in attendance Elinor King and Baerbel Marquart were the only ones not being paid to be there. Architect, David Straus was the moderator. The City of Ferndale has dedicated two to three million dollars towards the library and the insurance money from the building burning will go towards the new library building. Bids will go out in November. It is considered more expensive to remodel the old Boys and Girls Club as it changes the use, makes the criteria different and is not recommended to do. Taking the building down and rebuilding it would make the building a bigger profile which we don't want. The building would be a permanent location for the library. Mel Hansen stated that the building could not be torn down without the Old Settlers Association permission, also the grounds are on the Historic Register. The cabins at the park are on the State Historic Register. One suggestion was to put the new building on the corner adjacent to the new Boys and Girls Club in an L shape. The million dollars donated can only be used on a new library somewhere other than the park. The insurance money is tagged to the old Boys and Girls club. The City purchased the old Dimitri's building to be used for the new police station which turned out to not be feasible. There will be another community meeting at 11 am on August 12 for public input.

OLD BUSINESS

A new stove for the granary was discussed. The granary needs to be sealed before the cold weather comes. The Lopez House (print shop) needs chinking on the exterior walls, which will cost \$1730.58. Stu McKay stated that he was not impressed with the job done on the School House. Kathy Chasteen made a motion that was seconded by Joyce Snook and passed to have Steve Leibrant look into chinking the inside of the Lopez print shop and the Holeman school house. The outside of the Lopez House also needs to be chinked. A question arose about whether the bids for the job would be higher if the person doing the chinking had to make two trips to come out to bid on the projects. Stu McKay made a motion that was seconded by Joyce Snook and passed to weatherproof the Lopez House exterior.

We have been invited to come to Old Town Days on August 29th at E & Holly Street in Bellingham. This event falls on the same day as our own Street Festival.

The Heritage Society has an ad on page 9 of Destination Northwest Magazine which cost us \$105.00 to the Record Journal.

Whatcom Volunteer Center is looking for volunteers.

A meeting for the Olde Fashioned Christmas will take place on September 10th at 3 at the Tillicum House.

We are looking into changing the day and location of the Board meetings. We will be meeting at the Tillicum House in the near future.

Serena Leibrant announced that the annual Mystery Dinner will be on September 26th at the Senior Center. Nearly Stellar Entertainment will be doing the play. Kelly's O'Deli is catering the event and the tickets will be available at the Ferndale Mini Market for \$25.00.

President Linda Harkleroad thanked Board members, cabin heads, committee heads and others for all the work they do for the Heritage Society.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Saturday - Farmers Market at Riverwalk Park

August 29, Ferndale Street Festival

September 8, Board of Directors meeting

September 10, Old Fashioned Christmas meeting 3 pm Tillicum House

September 26, Mystery Dinner at Ferndale Senior Center Tickets at Ferndale Mini Market \$25.00

September 29, Monthly Membership meeting 7 pm Tillicum House

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Chasteen , Secretary