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General Membership Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Linda Harkleroad, President. Linda welcomed everyone to the 16th anniversary celebration of the Heritage Society founded by Louise Sager, Donna Pollman, Shirley Durham and Diane Weden. Introductions were made around the room and birthdays and anniversaries were announced. Linda Harkleroad has a new granddaughter and Dolores Norris has a new Great granddaughter born on Wednesday March 25th. Donna Pollman had a birthday and Dave and Jean Nelson celebrated 50 years of marriage on the 13th of March. Elinor King was acknowledged for how great the flowers look in the park.

Serena Leibrant gave a profile that was guessed by Steve Leibrant. The person profiled was Bob Graves.

The minutes were approved after amending them to read that the only money that has been set aside for the refurbishing of the Pioneer Park Pavilion is the insurance money from the fire. Also it was incorrectly reported that a building on Pacific Highway was looked at for the new library. It should have stated that it was briefly looked at for the Law and Justice center. Elinor King made the motion to approve the amended minutes from the last meeting with a second from Bertella Hansen and the motion passed.

The treasurers report was approved with a motion from Kathy Chasteen and a second from Chuck Eichenberger.

Board Review

The **Bergsma lease** was rewritten and we are still waiting for final approval from the city. The issue is to cordon off the bathroom so that the Community Garden folks can access the bathroom without going into other parts of the Bergsma House. Elinor King stated that there should something stated in the lease about who is responsible for taking care of the trees. Branches were trimmed recently so the light can be seen for safer access to and from the Bergsma House in the dark. There is an issue about a picket fence that is supposed to surround the front of the yard.

The **Fashion Show** will take place on April 18th at the United Church of Ferndale at 7 pm. Louise is still looking for one person to decorate a table.

The Board approved an expenditure of \$220.00 for an antique sleigh for Christmas decorations. The sleigh came from Emerald Bay catering.

Membership Directories are available. Linda Harkleroad handed them out at the meeting.

A gentleman named Ian Copland will be fixing the Holeman House (the Schoolhouse) he will be chinking the logs and cleaning it up. The cost is \$1670.00 for the cabin. The intent is to see what kind of job he does to see if we want the same person to work on the other cabins that need fixing.

New Business

A **Mystery Trip** is planned for May 30th. The cost is \$23.00 for the bus ride and the cost of where we are going. We will meet at 8 am on May 30th at the transit hub in Ferndale and return about 4:30 or 5 pm.

Linda Mooney spoke about the **Boys and Girls Club Capital Campaign**. It was determined at the Board meeting that we cannot donate to the capital campaign as the Heritage Society since we are a non-profit 501(C3), but we can donate as individuals. Linda shared with us the various ways we could donate. Having your name on the gym floor on a wood slat would be \$50.00 and a tile in the entryway of the door would be \$250.00 for example. Larger amounts would get your name on a plaque on the wall. The New Boys and Girls Club is supposed to be ready by February 2010.

We are in need of a few more tour guides for the summer season. The City of Ferndale has advertised for help. At the present time Julie Aamot is the only tour guide. The season goes from May 15th to September 15th.

A **Performing Arts** Scholarship will be awarded at Senior Recognition night at the High School Linda Harkleroad, President will present the \$500.00 award.

Old Business

Annette Bagley asked how many of us had seen the new web site. It is up and running with links to the city's web site, and other sites. Linda Harkleroad suggested that we download the web page on a CD and show it at our membership meeting.

Education Program

The Education program begins on May 1st. There will be 60 students from Kendall Elementary School on that day. Thirty four home schools want to bring their students from 1-3 on that day as well. Julie suggested that the program be scaled back in the Spring and have another one in the Fall. Kay Sutcliffe told her that that had been tried before and the weather was a deterrent.

Committee Reports

Steve Leibrant stated that the Jenni House and the Larsen cabins both have a new roof. The electricity in the park was supposed to be updated on March 30th, but due to bad weather it was postponed. There will be a main electrical upgrade and poles will have outlets to plug in to. Fred Sutcliffe and Bob Graves were to look into the situation to make sure that outlets for Christmas lights and decorations were on all the cabins. There has been between \$45,000.00 and \$100,000.00 allotted for this project.

Julie Aamot will have flyers for each cabin to tell what is being done for the **Education Program**.

Sunshine committee person Dolores Norris reported that she sent Pat Elliott a card because she lost a dear friend, and her own breast cancer has come back Dolores also sent a card to Ron Rasmussen who's mother passed away. Betty Eichenberger announced that the **Plant Sale** is on May 2nd at 8 am at Samuel's Furniture parking lot. Gardening magazines and garden art are welcome.

The **Cataloging Committee** has boxes of pictures that being cataloged. Baerbel stated that she has some dishes to donate that will need to be cataloged.

Elinor King representing the **Parks Board** said if you see trash or damage at any of the parks, please report it. The Bender park will be a memorial park for veterans. The source of inspiration for the idea is Paul Ingram a city council member and also Jim Pullman. The funding for the project is a grass roots effort.

The annual **CCA Meeting** will be on May 7th at Cascadia Elementary School from 6 pm to 9 pm. We can bring a table for brochures to promote ourselves.

Adopt A Highway is on April 11th. Meet at MacDonald's at 7:30 for breakfast before you clean up the highway.

Louise Sager provided the cake for our anniversary celebration and Elinor King provided ice cream.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Chasteen with a second from Dolores Norris and passed.

Everyone was encouraged to look at all the scrap books and photographs of the last 16 years of FHS.

Upcoming Events

April 14, 7 pm Bergsma House FHS Board Meeting

April 18, 7pm Spring Fashion Show at United Church of Ferndale

April 18, Ferndale Farmers Market at Riverwalk Park opens for 2009 season

April 28, 7 pm FHS General meeting

May 2, 2009 Ferndale Heritage Society Plant Sale at Samuel's parking lot 8 am

May 4-May 9, Education Program at Pioneer Park

May 30, 2009 Mystery Bus Trip Sign up by calling Julie Aamot at 366-4238

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Chasteen , Secretary