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General Membership Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2009

The Heritage Society meeting was called to order by Linda Harkleroad, President. Introductions were made around the room and Birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

The first thing announced was that the new electrical upgrade did not pass inspection because heavy items were too close to the circuit box.

Serena Leibrant gave a profile that was guessed by Kay Sutcliffe. The person profiled was Pat Button.

April Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting were approved with a motion from Herb Bellinger and a second from Elinor King.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Kathy Chasteen and a second from Julie Aamot.

Board Meeting Review:

The final lease for the Bergsma House was submitted to the City, but we have not had a response. The Whatcom Volunteer Center and the City of Ferndale have linked to our web page. The stove at the Tillicum House lost power during the Education program and a new stove was loaned to us while the other was being fixed. The loaned one is for sale and has a flat top on it. The Board voted to allow meetings at the Tillicum House during the weekdays for no more than two hours from 7 am to 4 pm at a reduced rate of \$25.00. The theme for the Old Settlers Parade is "A Blast from the Past". Donna Pollman reported on the Community meeting held on May 7th at the Cascadia Elementary School. A swimming pool for Ferndale was one of the top things people wanted for the city. Beth Buckland reported on the art project chosen for RiverWalk Park. She told us of the process for choosing the artist and about the chosen artwork. Annette Bagley would like to borrow a cookbook from the Jenni House to model one for the Heritage Society. The finished cookbook would be for sale at the store. Matt Fryer received the \$500.00 Roy Bentley Performing Arts Scholarship. He was the most qualified candidate since he was in almost every high School production. The Mystery Dinner will be on September 25th this year. There is heat in the granary now. Paul and Barbara Ingram would like to take over the responsibility for the Van Buren Post Office at the park.

New Business:

Tour season has started and two new tour guides were introduced at the meeting.

The Old Settlers are hoping to have members of the Heritage Society man the cabins for the Old Settlers Picnic. We are also looking for ideas for the float.

Old Business:

The Education program went well. There were 60 volunteers. Paul Ingram suggested that we go back to having the 3rd graders come through as the 2nd graders seem too young. Elinor King seems delighted with a new faucet to water the flowers. The Holeman House has been cleaned up and a work party was going to clean the barn on Saturday. The picket fencing is stored in the barn and discussion took place about where to store some items including the fence during Old Settlers Picnic.

Committee Reports:

Our Sunshine Lady Dolores Norris herself was ill and received cards from Donna Pollman and Louise Sager. Dolores stated that she knows where to get some sheep wool for weaving if anyone is interested.

Betty Eichenberger announced that the Plant Sale made over \$400.00.

The Catalog committee will meet in June to catalog some items that have not been listed yet.

Elinor King reported for the Park Board that the VanderYacht Park has an "off lease golf cart" at the park that will keep the young people active. Some Second Avenue improvements including a park area with landscaping and a fence was donated by Burlington Northern Railroad. A secondary entrance will be at Portal Way.

Students from Windward High School will do volunteer work on June 12th.

The piano is being fixed at the church and will sound much better .

Rentals of the Tillicum House and Church are listed on the web page. There have been 75 visitors to the web site so far. We will soon be linked to the Chamber of Commerce.

A motion to adjourn was made by Elinor King and approved with a motion from Julie Aamot .

Refreshments were provided by Serena Leibrant and Louise Sager.

The program for the evening was about marking borders .

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Chasteen, Secretary