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## **General Membership Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2009**

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by Linda Harkleroad, President. Introductions were made around the room with Linda introducing the newest members. Linda announced that we lost one of our members, Pearl Gitts who was in her 90's. She also announced that Wes Gannaway has had a book published . Birthdays and anniversaries were announced. There were several.

Serena Leibrant gave a profile of a member for us to guess. Ken Sager won the prize by guessing his son-in-law Steve Leibrant.

The Treasurers report was approved with a motion from Kathy Chasteen and a second from Jeff Thomson.

Linda Harkleroad introduced the new Board Members: Paul Nelson, Bob Graves and Donna Pollman are new to the Board for 2009.

### **Board news**

We are still discussing the Bergsma House lease. The cost of having a web page went up by \$200.00 to \$1200.000 which was approved by the Board. Our web page builders are among our newest members and copies of what has been done so far were passed around. Ruth Ashe is now the coordinator for the Tillicum House and Church since Mattie Snook left the position for a full time job with Haggen. Kathy Chasteen had her dues of \$24.00 paid for the Ferndale Community Service Cooperative of which she is Treasurer. Dues were also paid to be a member of the Washington Museum Association. The Heritage Society will be serving at the Man & Woman of the Year Banquet on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center. *The Record Journal* that sponsors the event gives the Heritage Society \$500.00 worth of advertising as payment for this service. Linda Mooney will speak to the membership in February about the Capital campaign for the Boys and Girls Club. Donna Pollman has resigned from the Park Board and needed to be replaced by a Heritage Society member. We were fortunate to have Elinor King take on this responsibility. Julie Aamot discovered a good place to go on a mystery trip. A bus trip is planned for the spring. Julie may need help arranging the trip. Louise Sager will be doing a Fashion Show on April 18<sup>th</sup> with 100 years of fashions at the United Church in Ferndale. All ages are welcome to model and members will be decorating the tables with their dishes with service for 8 at each table. Membership dues are payable in January in order to be listed in the 2009 directory.

### **Old Business**

Annette Bagley has been working with Karen Hower and Warren Monroe from Web Rodeo to build our website. The website will be in place before the February meeting.

The DUPI Garden club was concerned about losing their garden near the old Boys and Girls Club when the building is made into a meeting place. Steve Leibrant did not think that the garden would be in danger.

The Jenni House needs to have a back door fixed and a new roof. The new Larson Cabin is on the ground on a foundation and will be worked on for the next couple of months. A person named Ian Capland looked at the cabins and advised us to clean and rework the cabins. He estimated the cost to be around \$25,000.00. Steve Leibrant suggested that people make donations to get the work done. Beth Buckland questioned if there is a time of the year that was best to do the work and was told that spring and summer would be the best time. Fred Sutcliffe recommended a product that he used 30 years ago. Fred told how to do the job. Steve Leibrant will pursue the job and give a written recommendation to the Mayor and City Council and Don Imhof, President of the Old Settlers Association. A thank you letter needs to be sent to VanderVeen House Movers for moving the cabin to Pioneer Park. Louise Sager announced that the funds from the Fashion Show could be used to fix up the cabins.

### **Sunshine Committee**

Dolores Norris our sunshine lady sent a card to Dick Stone who had pneumonia, to Diane Blakesley who lost her mother and had a hospital stay and to the Dennis Arntsen family because he passed away. Linda Mooney also received a card due to her mother passing away and Diane Blakesley also lost her mother. Louise Sager reported that Jim Elliott's father had passed away. Kelly's O'Deli, which is Diane Blakesley's catering business, has been moved to Neilsen Road.

### **Gardening Committee**

The annual plant sale will take place around Mother's Day. Garden tools, magazines on gardening and garden art will be sold at the sale. The plant sale is coordinated with the plant sale at Hovander Park. Please donate what you can for the sale. The sale is usually at Samuel's furniture parking lot.

### **Parks**

Elinor King stated that the City has \$100,000.00 for park improvements etc. The Pioneer Park is scheduled for new electric wiring. The parks will be divided into City and Community parks.

### **CCA**

On May 7<sup>th</sup> an annual meeting will take place at Cascadia Elementary School on Church Road.

### **Farmers Market**

The Farmers Market will open on April 18<sup>th</sup> and the hours will be changed to 9 am to 3 pm. The Farmers Market people met at the Tillicum House for free last year. This year we will be charging the group \$25.00 a month, as we do for all non-profits.

Refreshments were provided by Gail and Paul Nelson .

Stu McKay, Program coordinator said the February speaker will be John Winters from the American Museum of Radio and Electricity in Bellingham.

Serena Leibrant announced that she would like people to donate the front of the Christmas cards they received for a project. Also save toilet paper rolls for English crackers and small toys to fit into the crackers. Deanna Neilsen was thanked for helping at the post office this year and replying to the letters that kids sent to Santa.

Dick Stone made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded and passed by Steve Leibrant.

### **Mark your Calendars**

January 29<sup>th</sup> Tom George Awards Banquet at Senior Center 7 pm

January 31<sup>st</sup> 9-noon cabin clean up at park

February 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting-Bergsma House at 7 pm

February 24<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting

April 18<sup>th</sup> Fashion Show at United Church on Washington Street

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Chasteen, Secretary