

The Anderson Island Historical Society

April 10, 2024

MISSION: PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Bedoll at 7:00 PM

Board Attendees:

Rick Anderson, Jim Battishill, Bob Bedoll, Todd Billett, Sally Buchanan, Jon Field, Serena Frank, Carol Paschal, Ed Stephenson, Lee Ann Whitaker

Guest: Arild Barrett

Verification of a Quorum: Sally Buchanan confirmed that we have a quorum.

Adoption of the Agenda: approved as displayed on screen.

Approval of March Minutes: The minutes were approved with one correction, as noted, for three photo maps, not four.

Reports from Officers and Directors

President's Report: Bob Bedoll:

Vision 2025/Museum Upgrade project: The first map will be installed this Friday. If approved, others will be ordered.

- ❖ Bandstand roof project. Bob, Carol, and Rick met with officials at Pierce County. County officials stated that a permanent outdoor event center in R10 zoning requires a one-time "Conditional Use Permit."
- ❖ Conditional Use Permits require a special hearing at \$8-10K. A hearing will require a parking study, traffic study, noise study, a site plan, and possibly an Environmental Impact Study.
- ❖ Outdoor events with more than 150 people require a Temporary Use Permit and cost \$300. The permit must show a plan to handle parking traffic and noise.
- ❖ Weddings at tax-exempt facilities are exempt.
- ❖ Discussion: The meeting was discussed.
- ❖ Consensus: The bandstand roof will be tabled. We will continue events as planned,
- ❖ Tahoma Video project with Lee Ann. She and Bob will meet to develop.

Vice President's report: Carol Paschal

- ❖ **Gardens:** Carol reported on flourishing greenhouse preparations for the Members' May 4th and Farm Day May 25th plant sales. We are working hard to complete plant prep. The greenhouse is in full use. Bob plastic labels: two tags for each plant, so cashiers have an easy way to record the specific plants sold. Carol is recruiting volunteers for cashiers and support staff who will know enough about plants to assist and guide buyers. Carol will call Dave Durette to inquire about his participation.
- ❖ **The 1776 reenactment event.** Insurance is being managed. Arild forwarded the last email about subrogation to his contact. We have a contract but needs to be added as the named insured.
- ❖ **AICFC (Fitness Center)** We are due to receive the named insured document from them. We will be renewed automatically by our insurance company this year.

Bob pointed out the cheerful activity in the greenhouse, a positive community event.

Archives: Rick Anderson:

Spirit of '76 Colonial Reenactors:

- ❖ Arild will bill the event as a Living History Event, allowing additional activities. Arild will speak to the VIP and the Fire Department. Following a discussion with Bob and Rick, Arild believes we are on solid ground for holding the event, except for the sounds of the cannon.
- ❖ Discussion: it was agreed that given the annual noise of fireworks, we can give notice on FB of the plan to shoot blanks. We will block the South Drive, and Arild will address with the fire department the best station for the muskets, cannons, parking, and the fire hazard. Carol asked him to check with the organization's insurance about the named insured and produce a site plan.

Vision 2025:

- ❖ The meeting regarding the farmhouse is on hold until Mary returns. Signage for the Barn may follow the first metal map sign.
- ❖ **Coop 2** is clean and ready for insulation.
 - Insulation Companies will be consulted. Monday morning the first company will be here. A conduit may be installed at this time to provide for future power needs.
 - It is determined that the building has double walls, and would therefore not require sheetrock, but would need insulation.

Financial Report: Todd Billett As recorded.

March Financials were reviewed as recorded.

Copier: To make a decision about the copier lease due, members reviewed options.

- To continue to use the one we have, which is five years old, is not an option. Xerox will not continue the lease.
- We can start a new lease on a new copier for \$160 including toner.

Discussion: If we buy a new one, it is only considered viable for four years, and parts would not be available. This lease expires in June.

Last year we paid \$2,700 for 23,840 copies (11c/copy)

Bob believes we are paying more than appropriate for our organization.

Carol moved that we get a new copier and continue service with the Xerox copier company. Bob seconded it. Further discussion examined the two-year gap between the service available and the end of a lease. Currently, we pay \$9600 for five years, plus toner. Ed volunteered to do research before the next meeting. the motion was tabled.

Action: Ed will chair an ad hoc committee, with Bob and Todd, to meet and decide before the next meeting (two weeks) to decide on a course of action.

Gift Shop: Leslie Lamb:

Financial report.

Gift shop opening: The opening weekend was very positive. Century Link did not appear for their appointment, but the log shows very few outages. Rick discussed his experience with Starlink and is content with that. Phone service could be through VOIP. Ed suggested Century Tel for the phone. Monthly phone/internet now is \$136. Which is about what Rick pays for Starlink and maintenance etc. Rick's son-in-law will research.

Education: Lee Ann Whitaker:

- ❖ **April lecture is Health Advocates.**
- ❖ **September Brad Biggerstaff will do something about island water resources.**
- ❖ **John Dodge, author of a book about the Columbus Day storm in 1962. Is discussing an event.**

Docent Training: New docents are being recruited by Sounder and FB pages. An April 30 training is scheduled. A meeting will be held with Mary Rabe on April 16. With Mary to learn how we can support her.

Publicity: Jon Field

- ❖ **The sounder article is ready.**
- ❖ **Posters are popular and requested.**
- ❖ **Email blasts will be started.**
- ❖ **Reader Board is maintained.**
- ❖ **Salmon/Rib Bake Posters: Jon worked with Noland Hoshino. And showed examples. Jon will make recommendations.**

Discussion: Serena encouraged more signage for the Health Advocate talk and the possibility of a clinic. Sandwich boards are available, and Serena volunteered to produce and mount them. Jon will help.

Events: Serena Frank

- ❖ Farm Day. Rick and Barbie Stockstad will do a scavenger hunt. Luke and Erica Atzert will help kids plant and take seeds. Other participants include the American Legion Auxiliary, Share and Care. Health Advocates. Island Arts, and the Radio Club. Each group has a canopy. Doug Emerick will bring animals. No demonstrations are scheduled Kit Bender will do music. Sheryl will do food management. Kevin needs food transport service, cinnamon rolls, and both vegetarian and meat chili.
- ❖ Community Conversation with State Rep Mari Leavitt.
- ❖ No event yet for Juneteenth.
- ❖ Salmon and Rib Bake meeting- discussed raising (for Farm Day) Keep to \$6-\$8 for hot dogs, chips, and dessert. Chili dog and chips are \$10. Keep Salmon/Rib Bake cost at \$20.

Facilities and Operations: Jim Battishill

- ❖ Garden Gates and pruning are complete. The Welcome sign was stalled with the loss of delivery of the lumbar for the bandstand roof.
- ❖ Widening the sidewalks is a problem due to the lack of volunteers.
- ❖ Garden Filters are in process with Paul Oppenheim.

Secretary: Sally Buchanan

Task Spreadsheet: Sally reviewed scheduled tasks with the members responsible.

Newsletter: First publication of 2024 completed, mostly by Bob. A new member, Jen Connely, has volunteered to help with future issues. She will need content and photos.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted: Sally Buchanan, Secretary