

U.S. David Thompson Bicentennial Partnership, Inc.
Board Meeting, Monday, January 26, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
Bonner County Historical Museum, Sandpoint, Idaho

PRESENT:

Board members: Ann Ferguson, Becky Timmons, Kris Major, Heidi Wilkins, Carol Graham, Loretta Stevens, Joseph Rocheleau, Nancy Renk, Mac Mikkelsen, Alana Mesenbrink, Denny and Delores DeMeyer, and Keith Petersen

Guests: Mark Weadick, Bill Delyea, Larry Merriam, and Little Sibley,

Call to Order and Introductions: Introductions were made and guests were welcomed.

Approval of Minutes: Moved & approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: treasury balance of \$9,042.96 as of 12/31/08

A reminder was made to board members to renew their memberships if they had lapsed. The 2009 conference planning committee will schedule a time for the annual membership meeting at next summer's conference. Action: When day and time is set for meeting, Kris will work to inform the membership. The election of board members will take place at that membership meeting. Up for board reelections in 2009 are: Nancy, Carol, Heidi, Becky, Alana, Mac, Denny & Delores, and Keith

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Conference update for 2009

Ann distributed a proposed budget and list of speakers for the June, 2009 annual conference. The Kalispel tribe is interested in partnering with Bonner County Museum and the US DT group to participate in conference. Keith submitted a grant proposal to the Idaho Humanities Council for support – should hear back in early March – that would pay for tribal instructors and help support the pre-conference teacher workshop. There will also be funding from the Idaho State Historical Society that could be used to cover the facility rental and/or non tribal speaker honoraria.

Location: There were two locations proposed for the Wednesday teacher workshop and Thursday conference:

A) Hope Memorial Community Hall for \$50/day

B) Lite House Restaurant – free – Ann will get more information this week

There are also two locations proposed for the encampment portion of the conference:

A) Indian Meadows –10-acre meadow rented at \$100 for two days – was actual spot where DT met area tribes. Site would be a totally dry camp with limited parking.

B) Diamond T ranch - \$2,000 for rental but includes cabins for speakers & a camping area for board members – set up in hay field – more private than Indian Meadows which has a public access boat launch.

The Planning Committee will let Francis Cullooyah and the Kalispel Tribe have the final decision on location.

Conference schedule: Teacher Workshop – Wednesday of conference week – Kirby to arrange MT credit, Heidi ID graduate credit, Kris WA clock hours. Mark & Robert Singletary have been creating curriculum for U of I and will meet with subcommittee to see if theirs is a fit for this workshop.

ACTION: As it is important to get word out earlier to teachers this year, Heidi, Kris, Becky, and Kirby

will work together to finalize an agenda and begin promoting the workshop to teachers in their states by early April.

Conference Week Schedule:

Wednesday – Teacher Workshop

Thursday - Traditional conference

Fri & Sat - Encampment

REGISTRATION FEE: It was recommended to keep the conference affordable for families and those staying all 3-4 days, but to still generate income that would carry over to the 2010 conference in WA. Tents need to be reserved and paid for now for whichever site we choose. **ACTION:** Nancy will reserve and pay for those after Tuesdays meeting with the Kalispel Tribe. She will let Becky know the amount for the treasury.

Keith referred to the IHC 2009 Encampment Evaluation and made the following points:

- Get word out earlier to colleges & public school teachers
- Get evaluations back from public
- Notify people if they need to bring extras for activities
- Arrange nature hike w/Jack Nisbet that is open to all
- Appeal to families with affordable costs for activities

Need to get notice of dates on DT200 website – **ACTION:** Becky will have Kent Johnson include a “Save the Date” on the DavidThomson200 site – Ann as contact via email – hope to have registration packet ready in March.

2) Traveling Trunk Update: Larry still has the four trunks and their items. They are pretty complete except for a final inventory. Larry has not meet with Janice or Lee at Lake Roosevelt to discuss what they need as they will distribute the trunks. Larry will finish cropping, editing, and labeling photos for 4 trunks. **ACTION:** Larry will get trunks to Kris by Feb 15th. She will finish inventory work at the MAC and will give to Lee at next WA state subcommittee meeting. Becky will send lesson plan disk to Kris & Heidi to pick best lessons to include from last summer’s workshop. Kris will also add topic to next meeting agenda for update.

3) Other – Denny clarified that the *Mapmaker’s Eye* traveling exhibit does not travel with artifacts. Local venues are encouraged to supplement the exhibit with objects. **The exhibit will be at the Clark County Museum (Vancouver, WA) from Jan 29 to June 3.** The exhibit will be in Sandpoint during the summer of 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) **David Thompson Brigade 2011** – Denny & Delores are on a steering committee to explore the possibility of a 2011 Columbia River Brigade similar to the 2008 Brigade that paddled a David Thompson route in Canada. The 2008 brigade has leftover money to go towards this project but needs a US group to take it on. The US DT committee is not that group, but is in receivership of the funding while the steering committee explores options. Denny also is relying on advice from the US group on how one might go about organizing a brigade to paddle parts of the Columbia River in 2011.

2) US DT Partnership is holding \$2,000 and could get \$2,000 more for this project. Alana warned about portaging around dams and the need of coordinating through the US/Canada border.

Weather patterns, wind, and currents were also discussed. The 2011 Brigade would offer opportunities for great community involvement & education. Denny and Delores will keep the committee informed.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS – Becky reported on an exhibit that is now available that compares David Thompson to William Clark. It is now stored in the Lewis and Clark National Forest office. Becky will distribute a description to see if anyone needs it or could display it in their regions. As a Lewis and Clark topic, the ISHS could fund to have it at our conference according to Keith.

NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2009 at Bonner County Museum in Sandpoint at 10:00 PST

REPORTS:

- Joseph - July 4th Parade & Celebration about David Thompson will continue in Thompson Falls this next year—it is put on by the City.
- Becky – Interpretive panels at Kootenai Falls are now up
- Mac – Update on interpretation at Spokane House site
 - “Coin of the Realm” DVD, Outdoor panels are up, 2010 conference sub-committee meeting but also looking at expanding events throughout the year
- **DENNY & DELORES** – Surveying Groups are working on a brochure to accompany *Mapmaker’s Eye* exhibit – tells of DT as a surveyor. They were also asked to locate a period sextant (which they did) and will donate it to the Glenbow Museum to enhance their DT interpretation. Various surveying groups will also be donating a sextant, artificial horizon, compass and other surveying tools to the Whyte Museum of the Rockies in Banff, AB for their January, 2010 exhibit on DT. The donation of the video of the 2008 DT Brigade "Digging Water" by the Surveyors Historical Society and the donation of Andy Korsos' map: "The Columbia Enterprise: David Thompson on the Columbia River 1807-1812" by the Land Surveyors Association of Washington Historical Society.
- Ann – weekend before 2009 conference – will open DT exhibit on boat building & encampment at Bonner County Museum
- Mark – FOSH has new officers & looking forward to involvement w/encampments
- Carol – 2009 brochure will include ½-page description of summer conferences on Sandpoint page – does have three 10-minute vignettes finished that will be available to any non-profit to show along Selkirk Loop – ACTION: Let Carol know if you want copy and she will get you one to show locally. She wants to control duplication and distribution – encourage a sales area at conference. – Jack Nisbet is writing cover story on DT for Sandpoint Magazine which will come out in May.
- Larry – Canmore exhibit opened & well-received – premiered Sibley movie “Shadows of Thompson” which will be available for sale – Joseph House is starting painting on Kullyspel House & will let Ann put on wall during summer – CA Astronaut Thurston will be going up to Intl Space Station in May or June – Larry is coming up with DT patches to take into space. Astronaut will put on a 5-minute program on DT which will be down linked from space – coordinate with showing of DT movie at the Panida Theater sometime in September.
- Keith – reminder to renew membership – will bring logo stickers for Ann to use at conference

Meeting Adjourned

Viewed vignettes & conference photos