

## **Lewis & Clark Bicentennial in Oregon**

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2003

Oregon Historical Society

Portland, Oregon

Members attending: James Thayer, John Pierce, Jan Mitchell, Les McNary, Chet Orloff, George Forbes, Ken Karsmizki, Keith Hay, Tom Walsh, Warne Nunn, Les Bergeron and Kim Duncan.

Ex Officios attending: Maj. Alex. Burgin, Supt. Chip Jenkins.

Guests: Angela Sanders(LCBO), Kyle Jansson(OPRD), Alisha Hamel(Oregon National Guard), Elliott Eki(AAA), Julie Tippens(Cong. Wu), Ann Richardson(Cong. Wu), Cyndi Mudge(LCBA), Kandis Brewer Nunn(Friends of Astoria Column), Walter Jaffe(White Bird), Paul King(White Bird), Warren Aney(Oregon Army National Guard), Sherry Manning(Lewis & Clark College) and Barbara Allen(LCBO).

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Tom Walsh, at 1:00pm. Board President Rep. Betsy Johnson was excused due to the Legislative session. OHS Executive Director, John Pierce, welcomed all.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2003 LCBO Board of Directors Meet. Forbes/McNary. Passed Unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the LCBO FY 02-03 Income and Financial Statements as submitted by Tom Walsh. Bergeron/Duncan. Passed Unanimously.

### Development Report

Development Director, Dr. Les Bergeron reported that he's been on a steep learning curve to learn how to raise funds for LCBO projects. He's had several fruitful meetings, including US Trust and Providence Health Systems, and hopes to get commitments soon. Chet Orloff suggested the Board could help him in several ways: 1) identify new groups not on the LCBO target list and 2) accompany Les on meets. He suggested that Les email the Board the master list of proposed funding targets.

### Sanctioned Events Requests

Barbara Allen reported that two groups organizing their own bicentennial projects are interested in becoming LCBO Sanctioned Events: Friends of the Astoria Column for the proposed visitor's centers in Astoria and White Bird for their daylong event at Portland's Cathedral Park in the fall of 2005.

Kandis Nunn spoke on behalf of the Friends of Astoria Column project, noting that they have worked closely with the local government officials on a re-design of a visitor's

center proposed some time ago at the site of the Astoria Column. Board Member, Jan Mitchell, noted that this group has worked very hard with the community to gain their support of this project. The building is a 4,000 square-foot, architect-designed structure. She noted that the goal of the Friends is to deliver the property debt-free to the City, and they are actively seeking Cong. Wu and Sens. Smith and Wyden's support for funding in Congress.

Paul King and Walter Jaffe, co-founders of the dance promotion company, White Bird, described their project to mount to events – one in Great Falls, Montana, and one at the St. John's Bridge/Cathedral Park area in Portland, Oregon, in 2005. The all-day event in Portland will be held in the fall and will have 3 primary components: an all-day, free, family-oriented fair at the park educating people about the Corps of Discovery as well as the tribes they encountered in the area; 2 performances of the dance troupe off the St. John's Bridge; and a fireworks display.

A motion was made for individual letters of endorsement be drafted and sent to both Friends of Astoria and White Bird delineating the arrangements of endorsing these projects. Duncan/Mitchell. Unanimous

#### York Stamp

A draft letter of endorsement to the USPS supporting Congressman Wu's efforts to have Clark's slave, York, depicted on a postage stamp was circulated to Board members. A motion was made to send the letter. Duncan/Mitchell. Unanimous.

#### Oregon Heritage Commission/LCBO Grant Partnership

Barbara Allen handed out a proposed joint granting process – with the support of OHC - for the \$300,000 for bicentennial project. A motion was made to accept the process, including naming two LCBO Board Members, Chet Orloff and Nancy Stueber, to sit on the grant disbursement committee. Burgin/Forbes. Unanimous.

#### Lower Columbia River Lewis & Clark Sites Draft Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment

Supt. Chip Jenkins discussed the four management alternatives developed for the protection and management of three Lewis & Clark sites on the Lower Columbia River, as well as a draft letter of endorsement supporting Alternative D creating Lewis & Clark National and State Historical Park. Chet Orloff asked if the name change is agreeable to the area communities (yes). Jan Mitchell added that the benefits of adding to Fort Clatsop three new Oregon and Washington sites into a national/state park far outweigh any detriments. Supt. Jenkins noted that this is not the first time state and federal sites have combined – the Redwoods is a state/national park

A motion was made to support Alternative D and the draft LCBO letter of endorsement. McNary/Mitchell. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm and the Board was given a tour of the new OHS entrance and exhibit area.