

SEATTLE HERITAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK (SHERN)

Date: 04-01-2022, 9:30-11:00AM

Location: Zoom

Present via Zoom: Nicole Davis (Museum of Flight), Sarah Frederick (Museum of Flight), Siri Linz (Burke), Gary Menges (Westpas/UW Libraries Retired), Laura Phillips (Burke), Kaia Wahmanholm (National Nordic Museum), Diane Wells (Diocese of Olympia), Clara Berg (MOHAI), Camille Davidson (Archdiocese of Seattle), Ann Poulson (Henry), Andrew Walsh (Bellevue Arts Museum), Jennifer Winkler (City of Seattle), Cory Gooch (Frye), Geneva Griswold (Seattle Art Museum), Peter Schmid (Providence Archives), Loretta Green (Providence Archives), Julie Irwick (City of Seattle), Maggie Case (Southwest Seattle Historical Society)

Guest: Britta Arendt, Museum Registrar & Program Coordinator, Jundt Art Museum, Spokane

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The 02-04-2022 minutes were approved with one change to the file name.

Secretary's report

Update on contact with OEM office.

Treasurer's report

- Current balances:
 - Checking \$3,612.20
 - Savings \$25
 - PayPal \$0 / Account has been closed

Membership due renewals are due on June 30th, 2022

Supply subcommittee

No update

New Member Welcome: Southwest Seattle Historical Society/Log House Museum

Maggie Kase is the representative for the Southwest Seattle Historical Society / Log House Museum, located in West Seattle.

The Washington State Archives, Puget Sound Branch has recently expressed interest in joining. Located in Bellevue, WA.

Spokane area network

Britta Keller Arendt, Museum Registrar & Program Coordinator, with the Jundt Art Museum at Gonzaga University located in Spokane was in attendance to learn more about SHERN operations and how a similar group might serve organizations in Eastern Washington. Organizations who may be interested in joining include the Spokane branch of the Providence Archives and the Northwest Art Museum. Britta has recently relocated from Chicago where she worked with the AFR group. Discussion followed on how a new organization might interact with SHERN and on existing resources that may be helpful for getting started. Potential for Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane area groups to work together on funding opportunities or trainings, potentially meet once a year.

Gary Menges has recently been in touch with Allison Campbell about the progression of the Pierce County response group.

NEDCC Training Summary

The NEDCC training offered to SHERN members earlier in the month was supposed to be a tailored program with a review of participant's disaster plans by an NEDCC staffer. The workshop received was not tailored to SHERN's needs, but was an introductory course. Several members mentioned the section on Building Closures was one of the most useful parts. Organizations who had submitted their plans to NEDCC have not yet received feedback. Deadline to submit plans to NEDCC for review is April 6th. Discussion followed on setting up a plan review matrix within SHERN for members to review plans from like organizations. The idea to add hardcopies of member disaster plans to the supply caches and to a section of the website was also discussed. A folder will be added to Dropbox for disaster plans. 14 SHERN members from 10 institutions attended the training.

SHERN Member Survey

Siri Linz will be distributing the member survey to all SHERN organizations later this week.

Museum of Flight Report on Water Damage

Sarah Frederick and Nicole Davis reported out on the February 2022 sprinkler failure at the Museum of Flight. 1000 gallons of water poured out from a failed sprinkler head into the Red Barn gallery and then into the Collections Storage Area and staff offices below. Approximately 5000 artifacts were impacted. MoF staff were able to respond using the contents of MoF's collections response kits, the SHERN container, supplies provided by MoF's facilities team and by ServoPro. Some suggestions were made to SHERN included: marking all equipment with SHERN (or home organizations name), ensuring the supply cache lists are up-to-date and match the contents, assembling any disassembled equipment and adding bankers or record boxes to the supply caches. In addition to the banker's boxes, rolls of muslin, blotting paper and Remy were very useful when responding to this particular event, due to the types of materials impacted. Additional drying racks might be something to consider adding to the caches. MoF was able to reach out to the SHERN network for assistance, and is very grateful to everyone who offered assistance and that the SHERN supply cache was available for use.

Webinar reports / other learning opportunities

The Frye: Cory is putting together a Western Museum Association proposal on disaster response and asked input from anyone interested. Museum of Flight expressed an interest in presenting on their recent event.

Updates from members

Archdiocese of Olympia: Diane Wells is retiring, and this was her last SHERN meeting. Congratulations to Diane on her retirement and many thanks to her for her years of service. Eric Bowers will be taking over from Diane at the Archdiocese.

Bellevue Arts Museum: A new director has been hired and recently announced, Michael Whittington

Museum of Flight: MoF will be hiring soon for a temporary collections position to assist with recovery response.

Frye: Their director is retiring this week, and will be looking for a new director later this year.

Next meetings:

June: MOF will host in person, with a Zoom call-in option

August: Frye (tentative)

September 30/October 14: Nordic (tentative, date TBD)

Meeting Adjourned

MEETING ADDENDUM

Added after meeting via member email, April 4, 2022

Tacoma Network Update

Via Allison Campbell 4/4/2022:

So sorry I missed your email ahead of your SHERN meeting. Things are going well! We currently have 8 members signed up, listed below. I'm going to do one more round of rustling to try and get a few more members before convening a steering committee meeting to begin discussing by-laws. But things are moving forward, which is exciting!

Museum of Glass
Tacoma Historical Society
Tacoma Public Library Northwest Room
DuPont Historical Society
Foss Waterways Seaport
Job Carr Cabin Museum
Washington State Historical Society
Steilacoom Historical Museums Association

Via Gary Menges, 4/4/2022:

Just had a follow up email from Allison and she says that she has also been speaking to the UW Tacoma Library and TAM and expects them to join. She is also reaching out to the UPS Library.