

SEATTLE HERITAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK (SHERN)

Minutes

Date: February 2nd, 2024, 9:30am-11:00am

Location: Virtual on Zoom

In attendance: Gary Menges (WEST-PAS, retired), Erik Bauer (Diocese of Olympia), Siri Linz (Burke), Jules Irick (Seattle Municipal Archives), Kristopher Strebe (Nordic), Nicole Davis (Museum of Flight), Clara Berg (MOHAI), Stephanie Lamson (UW Libraries), Steffi Morrison (Wing Luke), Laura Phillips (Burke), Geneva Griswold (SAM), Sarah Frederick (Museum of Flight)

Guests: Britta Ardent, Allison Campbell

AGENDA

- Jules welcomes group and introduces herself as the new chair
- Approve December minutes
 - One point of clarification from Gary
 - Minutes approved with clarifying change
- Secretary's report
 - Update on MoF's new security manager and his interest in engaging with SHERN. Will try and attend the April meeting
- Treasurer's report
 - Some 2023 dues still outstanding. Kristopher will follow up directly with those orgs
 - On Wednesday of next week, Kristopher and Jules will head to the bank to officially switch over all the accounts
 - Balances
 - Checking \$4,772.20
 - Saving \$25.00
- Update from SHEPARD (Britta)
 - Have four core members on the steering committee
 - Have been meeting monthly
 - Have been added to the FAIC website as an active group
 - Have established a Gmail account
 - Have been using a phone list to try and recruit new members
 - Question to group about the possibility of a statewide meet-up at some point.
 - Consensus this was a good idea, will be explored in the future.
- SHERN priorities for 2024:
 - Tech Review & Updates: Dropbox, UW, WordPress
 - Would like to streamline website to make it more user friendly, remove redundant information
 - Will also explore the possibility of shifting the email list to something like Google Groups

- Invoice, SHERN PreP, & other documents will be reviewed and updated as needed. This will not include any of the foundational documents or things like by-laws
- Dues Review
- Would like to move to more in person meetings in 2024 to encourage engagement and group involvement. Hybrid options will be offered when possible, depending on the host organization
 - Next meeting will be held on site at the Seattle Municipal Archives and will offer a hybrid option
 - Virtual meetings will also have host orgs. in the future. Virtual hosting will include offering a virtual tour of your site, etc.
- Committees: Tech, Recruitment, Branding and logo, Supply
 - Committees are due for a re-boot. Watch for an email from Jules soon with more information.
- Supply Committee Update:
 - Nicole and Stephanie are the only current members and would appreciate a couple others
 - SHERN is now in a stronger position to submit a grant application for additional supplies or an additional container
 - In 2024 SHERN should revisit identifying a second cache location
 - Laura said she may be available to join the supply committee and that the Burke would still be interested in hosting a second supply cache
 - Mention that some 4-Culture funding may be suspended for 2024, info on website
 - Geneva mentioned that the Sculpture Park or Seattle Asian Art Museum would also be interested in hosting a smaller JoBox sized cache
- World Affairs Council
 - The World Affairs Council is looking for a speaker from SHERN to attend their upcoming meeting next week
 - Jules has been in contact and can represent SHERN if a second person is also available to support her. Please reach out if you are available
 - The Burke will be participating, but attending virtually
 - The Wing Luke may also be participating
- Updates from other networks:
 - Pierce County (Allison)
 - The group has adopted a set of by-laws and currently has 12 members around the county, not currently collecting dues
 - Hope to offer quarterly trainings
 - Lots of turnover in staff at smaller organizations, having difficulty making lasting connections with some groups
 - Will be attending the Washington Museums Conference. Any interest in a meet-up?
 - Kitsap Peninsula (Sarah)

- There have been some staffing changes at the Naval Undersea Museum and Beth and Lorraine have had to shift focus temporarily. They hope to resume work on pulling a group together once staffing issues have stabilized.
- Updates from members
 - MOHAI: Work parties to support the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple recover following the fire are organizing. Clara will share the details to the group following the meeting.
 - Wing Luke: Have also been supporting recovery work at the Temple. Thanks to members who have reached out to support. Question about SHERN membership and how organizations are recruited.
 - UW Libraries: recently suffered from a burst pipe in the Foster Business School library which flooded the basement. Approx. 900 volumes were impacted, most was salvageable
 - Request from Gary to consider the Seattle OEM office as a site for 2024 meeting, could possibly bundle with another downtown organization, like the Seattle Municipal Archives.
 - Jules will reach out to Sophie Lopez, current OEM representative
 - Seattle Municipal Archives: Will be presenting at the Northwest Archivists conference in Spokane on collaborative disaster response.
 - Britta will also be attending and will reach out about a possible meet-up
- Next meetings:
 - April 5th – Onsite at the Seattle Municipal Archives with possible OEM visit
 - June 7th – Host site TBD
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