



**CORNVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P. O. BOX 1200
CORNVILLE, ARIZONA 86325**

February 15, 2020

Dear Members:

You are cordially invited to the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Cornville Historical Society on Thursday, March 19, 2020, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the First Southern Baptist Church, 11340 Circle Dr., in Cornville.

The agenda will include CY 2019 Reports, CY 2020 Budget Approval, and Election of Board members. The program will feature Kip Williams, talking about the crystal cave in Mexico. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for questions; and refreshments will be served.

The Cornville Historical Society always welcomes visitors to our board meetings. The board meets five times a year, the 2nd Wednesday of the months October, November, January and February, at Up the Creek Grill in Page Springs. Meetings are held at 10:00 am and many board members stay to have lunch and socialize after the meeting. The 5th meeting of the year takes place immediately following the annual meeting.

Enclosed is the agenda, financial statement, proposed budget and the 2019 Progress Report. Please review these items in preparation for discussion and action at the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me at 963-1990 or at glorylandfarm@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at this important meeting. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Nita Rinehart

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President

Enclosures:

Annual Meeting Agenda
CY 2019 Financial Report & CY 2020 Proposed Budget
CY 2019 Progress Report



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2020 Annual Meeting

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Thursday, March 19, 2020
First Southern Baptist Church
11340 Circle Dr., Cornville

AGENDA

1:00 pm **Call to Order**

Welcome & Introductions

1:15 pm **Business Meeting:**

- Annual Progress Report
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Financial Report & Budget Approval
 - Retiring Board Members & Election of Board Members:

Nominees for Board of Directors

(Nominations will also be taken from the floor)

Continuing Board Members (*thru March 2021*):

Cheryl Chamberlain, Veronica Moody & Cindy Snyder

Candidates for Re-Election (*two-year term thru March 2022*):

Janet Cassagio, Nita Rinehart, Diana Stipek & Don Welcome

Candidates for Election (*two-year term thru March 2022*):

Tracey Campbell & Sharon Morehouse

1:45 pm **Program:**

The Gypsum Caves near Naica, Chihuahua, Mexico, by Kip Williams

2:30 pm **Question & Answer Period**

2:45 pm **Acknowledgements**

3:00 pm **Adjourn**

REFRESHMENTS

CORNVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

CY 2019 Financial Statement & Proposed CY 2020 Budget

Bank Balance 1/1/19:		<u>\$12,624.57</u>	
Item	Approved Budget CY 2019	Financial Statement CY 2019	Proposed Budget CY 2020
INCOME:			
Membership Dues	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,350.00 (1)	\$ 1,100.00
Publication Sales			
Postal History Report		50.00	
Land Records Report		50.00	
Post Cards		3.00	
Note Cards		<u>2.00</u>	
Total Publication Sales	100.00	105.00	100.00
Cash Donations	150.00	395.00	150.00
Fundraiser Income	<u>2,100.00</u>	<u>2,815.00 (3)</u>	<u>2,100.00</u>
Total Income:	<u>\$3,350.00</u>	<u>\$4,665.00</u>	<u>\$3,450.00</u>
EXPENSES:			
Corporation Filing Fee	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Postage	100.00	74.80	100.00
Post Office Box Rent	70.00	76.00	80.00
Printing & Copies	350.00	362.87 (2)	380.00
Exhibits	100.00	10.10	100.00
Office Supplies	100.00	52.61	100.00
Equipment	500.00	237.61	500.00
Meeting Room Rent	50.00		50.00
Insurance	450.00	425.00	450.00
Fundraiser Expenses	750.00	1,198.93	750.00
Fieldtrips/Workshops	50.00	28.00	50.00
Historic Interpretive Signs	600.00		600.00
Website	120.00	119.88	180.00
Other Expenses	100.00	220.81	100.00
Transfer to Post Office Fund			
Total Expenses:	<u>\$3,350.00</u>	<u>\$2,816.61</u>	<u>\$3,450.00</u>
General Fund 12/31/19:		<u>\$14,472.96</u>	
Post Office Fund 1/1/19		<u>\$1,434.28</u>	
Donations 2019		0	
Building & Renovation Expenses 2019		<u>577.47</u>	
Post Office Fund 12/31/19:		<u>856.81</u>	
Bank Balance 12/31/19:		<u>\$15,329.77 (4)</u>	

Footnotes:

(1) Membership dues paid after 8/1/2018 are for 2020

(2) Includes costs of copies from Yavapai County, brochures, Courier & Annual Meeting notices

(3) Includes holiday event and additional memorial bricks sold

(4) The board voted on February 12, 2020 to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund to an interest-bearing Property Fund to be used for a future historical society site



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Annual Progress Report

January 1 to December 31, 2019

OLD POST OFFICE RESTORATION: The restoration is almost complete. Additional post office cabinetry was built and added to the counter; this includes a postage window, money order window and post office lock boxes. The cabinetry is built but needs to be stained and positioned properly. Lock boxes need to be attached. Additional and period appropriate items, both donated and purchased, have been added to the case and counters. An outdoor display case will be added to the front of the structure to explain display items and hold announcements. The society hopes to finish the restoration during 2020, stop by and see our progress.

ANNUAL MEETING: The 14th Annual Meeting of the Cornville Historical Society was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at the First Southern Baptist Church, 11340 Circle Dr., in Cornville. The agenda included CY 2018 Reports, CY 2019 Budget Approval and the Election of Board members. Board members elected were Cheryl Chamberlain, Don Godard, Veronica Moody, Cindy Snyder and Muffy Vallely. Following the business portion of the meeting, Andy Groseta talked to us about Cattle Ranching in Cornville and the Verde Valley. He is a third-generation cattle rancher whose family own and operated the W Dart Ranch in the Verde Valley since 1922. He presented a vivid view of cattle ranching and other topics such as water issues in the valley. A question and answer period followed. Refreshments were enjoyed by the small but enthusiastic attendees. At the board meeting following the annual meeting, elections were held and the officers for 2019 – 2020 are: Nita Rinehart, President; Diana Stipek, Vice-President; Cheryl Chamberlain, Secretary; and Janet Cassagio, Treasurer.

CORNVILLE COURIER: Two issues of the “Cornville Courier” were issued in 2019; one in February and one in November.

RESEARCH/DISSEMINATION: Society members continued researching Cornville families and original land patent holders along with historic sites. The Cornville Historical Society joined with six other historical societies (Camp Verde, Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Sedona, Beaver Creek and Jerome) to participate in an Osher Lifelong Learning (OLLI) program at Yavapai College on a continuing basis, three times per year. Each program runs for 6 weeks and each week a different historical society presents some facet of their history to the class. The first program took place in the fall 2019, with Janet Cassagio presenting for the Cornville Historical Society on November 12. The programs were well received by attendees and the next sessions began on January 28, 2020. Janet also did a presentation on the Jesse F. Derrick homestead for Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Cornville on April 8, 2019.

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER: The Annual Holiday Fundraiser was scheduled to take place at Tres Hermanas Ranch but due to inclement weather was moved to Oak Creek School on December 8. The event featured a presentation on the history of the ranch area and how it changed over time by Janet Cassagio, society treasurer and researcher. Following Janet’s presentation, attendees experienced a real treat when the ranch’s resident cowboy poet, Phil, shared some of his poetry with us. Refreshments (some donated by members, some purchased) were provided and about 20

gift baskets filled with merchandise, wine and gift certificates were raffled off. The event netted just under \$1,000 to support historical society activities. Sincere appreciation is extended to Ernesto Castro, the owner of Tres Hermanas Ranch, for all his help and support. Local businesses and individuals who donated items for the gift baskets included Blazin' M Ranch, Canyon Mesa Country Club, Coyote Trails Golf Course, Cornville Mercantile, DA Ranch Wines, Javelina Leap Vineyards & Winery, Oak Creek Winery, Out of Africa Wildlife Park, Page Springs Cellars & Vineyards, Up the Creek Grill, Verde Canyon Railway, Windmill Gardens and Society board members – past and present. THANK YOU all!

RECORDS MANAGEMENT: All the society's records, supplies and historical items are stored either in the storage space at the old post office or at the home of Janet and Stephen Cassagio. Alphabetical "people" and "place" files are maintained by Janet Cassagio. Permanent office and storage space – where the society can meet, store its growing collection of records and items, and invite researchers – is still urgently needed.

MEMBERSHIP: In November, reminder letters were sent to all members to renew their dues for CY 2019. By February 2020, there were 72 members in good standing for the year, including 13 honorary members, 20 individuals, 17 families (34 members), 1 contributing member and 4 businesses.

WEBSITE: The website completed its seventh year at www.cornville-historical-society.org with information about the CHS mission, goals, membership, site inventories, oral histories, newsletters, publications, minutes, current activities and more. The website has received over 141,000 "hits" since it was established.

CORNVILLE FAMILY TREE: To assist in the research of Cornville settlers, Janet Cassagio created a Cornville Family Tree at www.ancestry.com in 2014. Today this tree has grown to 9 different family trees with about 5,000 people listed. Descendants of our early settlers use these trees to connect with the historical society and exchange information. Most recently descendants of early settlers from the Lane, Page, Kelly, Witter, Dickinson and Hart families have contacted us and shared information, photos, letters and documents.

MEMORIAL BRICK PROJECT: In the Fall 2018, the society announced it would reopen the Memorial Brick Project, after receiving several requests from people to buy bricks. During 2019 we received orders for 25 additional bricks. The bricks were ordered and received. Cindy and Bob Snyder will be extending the walkway in the near future.

AMAZON SMILE: In 2019 the Cornville Historical Society became a participant in the Amazon Smile program. Please consider adding us to your list of donors at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/80-0598087>, or by using www.smile.amazon.com and selecting the Cornville Historical Society as your charity when shopping on Amazon. By doing so, we will receive .5% of the amount you spend on Amazon, with no additional cost to you. Thank You!