



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

February 11, 2022

Dear Members:

You are cordially invited to the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Cornville Historical Society on Thursday, March 17, 2022, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1090 S. Page Springs Rd., in Cornville.

The agenda will include CY 2021 Reports, CY 2022 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. Meetings are generally held at 10. The 5th meeting of the year takes place immediately following the annual meeting.

Enclosed is the agenda, financial statement, proposed budget and the 2019 – 2021 Progress Report. Please review these items in preparation for discussion and action at the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me at (928) 634-8927 or stevsharmor@msn.com.

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

Sincerely,

Sharon Morehouse

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President

Enclosures:

Annual Meeting Agenda
CY 2021 Financial Report & CY 2022 Proposed Budget
CY 2019 – 2021 Progress Report



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2022 Annual Meeting

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Thursday, March 19, 2020
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
1090 S. Page Springs Rd., 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 2023*):

Cheryl Chamberlain, Veronica Moody & Cindy Snyder

Candidates for Re-Election (*two-year term thru March 2024*):

Sharon Morehouse, Nita Rinehart & Diana Stipek

Candidates for Election (*two-year term thru March 2024*):

Pat Nomm & Karen Wilkens

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 2021 Financial Statement & Proposed CY 2022 Budget

Bank Balance 1/1/21:		<u>\$13,735.68</u>	
	Approved	Financial	Proposed
	Budget	Statement	Budget
Item	CY 2021	CY 2021	CY 2022
INCOME:			
Membership Dues	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 1,150.00 (1)	\$ 1,200.00
Publication Sales			
Postal History Report		20.00	
Land Records Report		22.00	
Other			
Total Publication Sales	100.00	42.00	100.00
Cash Donations	150.00	390.00	390.00
Amazon Smiles Donations		30.89	50.00
Fundraiser Income			
Old Post Office on Wood		15.00	
Holiday Raffle	2,100.00	820.00	2,225.00
Total Fundraiser Income	2,100.00	835.00	2,225.00
Total Income:	<u>\$3,470.00</u>	<u>\$2,447.89</u>	<u>\$3,965.00</u>
EXPENSES:			
Corporation Filing Fee	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Postage	100.00	48.60	100.00
Post Office Box Rent	80.00	76.00	80.00
Printing & Copies	380.00	330.43 (2)	350.00
Exhibits	100.00	39.50	100.00
Office Supplies	100.00	57.79	100.00
Equipment	500.00	170.15	500.00
Storage Space			775.00
Meeting Room Rent	50.00		50.00
Insurance	450.00	425.00	450.00
Fundraiser Expenses	750.00	27.00	500.00
Fieldtrips/Workshops	50.00		50.00
Historic Interpretive Signs	600.00		600.00
Website	200.00	189.08	200.00
Other Expenses	100.00	116.94	100.00
Transfer to Post Office Fund		1,000.00	
Total Expenses:	<u>\$3,470.00</u>	<u>\$2,490.49</u>	<u>\$3,965.00</u>
General Fund 12/31/21:		<u>\$13,693.08</u>	
Post Office Fund 1/1/21		\$ 856.81	
Donations 2021		0	
Transfer from General Fund		1,000.00	
Building & Renovation Expenses 2021		883.94	
Post Office Fund 12/31/21:		<u>972.87</u>	
Bank Balance 12/31/21:		<u>\$14,665.95</u>	

Footnotes:

(1) Membership dues paid after 8/1/2020 are for 2021

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



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Annual Progress Report

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021

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 some parts need to be stained and positioned properly. 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. A window will be added to the front door to allow for viewing from the outside. The society hopes to finish the restoration during 2022, 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 were: Nita Rinehart, President; Diana Stipek, Vice-President; Cheryl Chamberlain, Secretary; and Janet Cassagio, Treasurer. The 15th Annual Meeting scheduled for March 19, 2020 was cancelled just a few days prior to the meeting due to COVID-19. The 2021 meeting was also not held, due to continuing concern about COVID-19.

CORNVILLE COURIER: Two issues of the “Cornville Courier” were sent out in 2019; one in February and one in November. One issue was sent out in February 2020 and two in 2021, one in April and one in November. All issues of the “Cornville Courier” are available on our website at www.cornville-historical-society.org.

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. 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, with Janet doing a presentation on March 3, 2020. COVID-19 put this program on hold. One additional presentation was done on Zoom on March 2, 2021. Janet also did presentations for Our Shepard Lutheran Church in Cornville on April 8, 2019, on Zoom for Yavapai County District 2, on July 15, 2020, for the Palatki Questers on October 1, 2021 and for the Clarkdale Historical Society on November 5, 2021.

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER 2019: 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 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!

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER 2021: Due to COVID-19, the 2020 holiday event was not held. The most recent Annual Holiday Fundraiser Event was held on Sunday, December 5, 2021, at Oak Creek Elementary School. This program featured a history presentation on 11 different Cornville School locations by Society researcher Janet Cassagio. As usual, holiday treats and beverages, both purchased and donated, were served during the event. The popular raffle of holiday baskets featuring gift certificates and themed items was also back. It was a happy and heartwarming time when a fourth-generation Oak Creek School student, Paige Badger patiently and affably assisted us with shuffling, drawing and disposing of raffle tickets for 18 baskets and on the 19th and final basket chose her own ticket for the one basket she really wanted; it included a stuffed bear. Two additional highlights of our event included the first exhibition of a framed, water-color painting by Winifred Stryker, daughter of the Reverend Jacob Frey, of the West Oak Creek School built by her dad in 1921. The painting was donated by Debbie Veldhuis of Glendale, AZ, in July 2020, after she found it in a thrift shop near her home. The second highlight was the display of a Christmas Wreath gifted to the community of Cornville from the only other town named Cornville in the United States, Cornville, Maine. The society extends their thanks and appreciation to the local merchants who provided us with gift certificates and merchandise, including Cornville Mercantile, Farm A Go-Go, G's Burgers, Manzanita, Javelina Leap and Page Springs Cellars. We also wish to thank our members, family and friends who donated items for the baskets, and assisted us with the setup and take down. We could not have a successful event without you!

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, especially now that the Cassagios are moving. The society has rented a storage unit at Cornville Storage for the year 2022, but this does not provide meeting space and is not climate-controlled for, especially for donated items.

MEMBERSHIP: In November, reminder letters were sent to all members to renew their dues for CY 2022. By February 2022, there were 58 members in good standing for the year, including 11 honorary members, 17 individuals, 13 families (26 members), 1 contributing member and 3 businesses.

WEBSITE: The website completed its ninth 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 208,000 “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: The Memorial Brick walkway was completed in 2021. Drop by and check it out!

AMAZON SMILE: In 2019 the Cornville Historical Society became a participant in the Amazon Smile program. Since then the society has received more than \$60 in donations from Amazon. 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!