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President's Message

By Rob Dotson

This last year was the beginning of something great. We have had a few field trips and some great ideas expressed and implemented. But this was just the beginning. I see 2007 as an abundant year, full of great efforts and accomplishments.

To achieve anything great, it takes ordinary people with extraordinary effort. Nobody can accomplish much on their own. We all need each other. As a chapter, we need each and every person to make greater strides. I challenge all our members to make a little more effort to help us. And where will we go? What do we see as some mileposts that will help us move forward? Here are a few that have come to my mind;

1. An increase in membership. This will take some doing. Invite your friends and family members to come to chapter meetings. We will be learning about the amazing challenges and achievements of those who traveled the Spanish Trail.
2. Federal grants are available and can be obtained with some serious work. We have obtained some great volunteers to help. Being serious about plans and the future of The Old Spanish Trail makes a big difference in obtaining serious financial help.
3. Plans for a museum located on the Old Spanish Trail in Enoch City are being designed with the help of New Horizons Engineering and Bulloch Brothers Studios. I believe the residents of our local communities will benefit greatly from these efforts. Our elementary school teachers will be able to receive great tools in educating

our children and grandchildren throughout the years to come.

4. The idea of "Old Spanish Trail Days" has been brought forward for consideration. This type of event can further bring us together as neighbors and friends. We need more good ideas and help to implement this type of event.

As you can see, these four challenges can be daunting if one or two people try to do them all. We need each other. I challenge myself and all of you to join with our group with a renewed commitment to give what you can. Have a prosperous year!

Rob Dotson
President
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Meeting Schedule

Meetings are generally held at 7PM on the second Wednesday of each month in the Enoch City Office Building, 900 East Midvalley Road, Enoch, UT. Old Spanish Trail. The next chapter meeting will be a symposium to be held on Saturday, February 17th, 2007 at 4:00 PM.

In addition, the chapter plans regular fieldtrips to Old Spanish Trail sites. These field trips will be announced at the chapter meetings, local newspapers, and this website. See the chapter website for dates and times.

December Meeting Report

By Susan Lewis

January 10th, 2007

Attendance: Rob Dotson, Jeff Lewis, Susan Lewis, Steve Clarke, Jim & Barbara Guymon, Gerald Van Iwaarden, Barbara Matheson, Leon Matheson, John Ford, Sharon Ford, Merril Werch, Avon Payton. Blaine Nay & Sherrie Singleton asked to be excused.

Rob called the meeting to order. He asked for volunteers to say the prayer, Steve Clarke volunteered and said the prayer. Rob asked for a volunteer to say the pledge, there was no response, Rob Dotson led the group in the Pledge.

Rob explained the 4 goals that he has discussed in his article in the newsletter. He announced that at our next meeting we would have a presentation by Scott Neal from new Horizon engineering showing plans for an Old Spanish Trails museum. He is preparing these plans free of charge. Rob also has arranged for John at Bulloch Brothers Studios to do the front design. John will also do the scoping for a National Parks and Trails grant from the Federal Government. In addition, Rob discussed the need for more people to help bring these plans to reality, people who are willing to work and get excited about the Old Spanish Trails.

Plans for the Old Spanish Trail Days were discussed. The date needs to be one without other events to go against as much as possible. Mr. Matheson indicated that the first feet on the trail was October 13th, and wondered if we could do something that week. The date of October 11th, 12th, and 13th were tentatively set as the Old Spanish Trails Days. We plan to have events on Thursday night, Friday night, and all day Saturday the 13th. Discussions were had concerning volunteers to help run booths, making presentations, food and campfire programs. Assignments were made. Mr. Matheson will make Historical Presentations, Jeff and Susan Lewis will be over food with either booths of Spanish style food, and or Dutch oven cooking. Steve Clarke was assigned to check with the Mountain Men Rendezvous to see if we can get them involved. Gerald Van Iwaarden will talk to the Priest at Christ and the Paiute Indian

Tribe to see if this date is good for them and we can get them involved. Mr. Ford will talk to the Cold Creek Cowboys to see if they are available and could maybe have a shooting booth, or stage some time of a Lagoon type wild west shoot-out. All these people will report their findings at the next meeting.

Field trips were discussed. Colonel Matheson complimented Blaine Nay on his work with the web site. Mr. Matheson discussed several possible field trip locations with how cold it has been perhaps we could take a trip to the Thermal Hot Springs. He also shared maps and locations of some of the findings of the Old Spanish Trail. He proposed securing some land for a park, and told of some local expansion being experienced in Iron County.

It was decided that no field trips would be taken in January, and we planned to have a slide show of places and traces along the Old Spanish Trail instead of an actual field trip for the Month of February. We will call it symposium of the Old Spanish Trail. The symposium will be held on Saturday, February 17th, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. here at the Enoch City Office, Council Chambers. Because there are members of our group that don't have e-mail, and because we have no money for envelopes and postage, a calling tree was discussed to inform our members of upcoming events and meetings.

Rob asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

