

# THE CELLHOUSE SNITCH



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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

We had a good general membership meeting with approximately 35 people in attendance.



The business portion of the meeting focused on the Treasurer's report and the election of two new Board Members. As the Treasurer's position is vacant, President Jim Wells has shouldered the burden of two positions on the Board. He gave a clear breakdown of the fiscal status of our organization. Below is his report:

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## BALANCE SHEET AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

CASH		\$110,805.93
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		2,026.00
INVENTORY		1,619.15
TOTAL ASSETS		\$114,451.08
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	DUE TO TRUST, CONSIGNED INVENTORY, BRICK SALES	\$38,058.02
EQUITY		\$76,393.06

## INCOME STATEMENT FOR 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2021

<u>INCOME</u>		
TOURS		\$16,930.75
PARANORMAL TOURS		18,550.00
GRANTS		25,336.00
EVENTS		9,500.00
MEMBERSHIPS		6,085.00
DONATIONS		4,051.95
MERCHANDISE SALES		4,282.45
INTEREST		45.82
TOTAL INCOME		\$84,781.97

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# INCOME STATEMENT FOR 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2021

<b>EXPENSES</b>		
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS		\$43,486.02
OPERATING SUPPLIES & POSTAGE		1,084.18
COST OF GOODS SOLD		597.49
BANK FEES		555.72
OTHER	INCORPORATION FEES, MARKETING	380.73
OWED TO TRUST		\$26,060.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$72,164.14
NET INCOME		\$12,617.83

## 2021 REGULAR SEASON TICKET SALES

- 19 TOUR DAYS – 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH PLUS ALL 3 DAY WEEKENDS (4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, LABOR DAY, NEVADA DAY)
- 1,151 TICKETS SOLD
- \$16,930.75 TICKET REVENUE
  - \$13 OF THE \$15 TICKET FEE GOES TO THE TRUST FUND FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS
- ONLINE TICKET SALES
  - 1,080 TICKETS SOLD
  - \$15,797.75 TICKET REVENUE

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The election resulted in Karen Denning and Glen Whorton joining the Board. Karen has promised Glen that she will take over the website from Brew. Thank God cause if it had not been for Brew there would never have been any maintenance or development of the website. This is especially true for Brew's design and management of the tour ticketing app. Web design is not a skill that was essential to 20<sup>th</sup> century correctional practice. Glen will continue with the newsletter and working on the history. Further, he and Bryan Hutchins will be developing historic presentations to be delivered to our tour guides and sweeps throughout the winter. We will be emailing all of you with the date, time, and location of the classes.

We still have a vacancy for the Treasurer on the Board. If you or someone you know is interested in assuming this role, please contact Glen Whorton so he can pass on the offer to the rest of the Board.

#### **PROJECTS:**

The major portion of the meeting was taken up with a review of our completed projects and our proposed activities. Maurice White and Lee Perks did the review and it was amazing the amount of work that has been accomplished to open this old structure. This is really a testament to the vigor of Maurice, Lee, Terry, Brew, Joe, Susan, and Jeff Lovelace.

The following are the identified projects for future action. Not listed is the roof repair that has surfaced as an immediate need, as evidenced by the last storm. Obviously, this is a huge list that encompasses every wish that we could conceive. A subcommittee of the Board will review this list in the near future for immediate action and financing.

#### **Priority 1 Projects (2022):**

1. Admin building cleanup – painting, light repairs
2. Yard drainage and grade leveling at south sidewalk
3. Kill/remove trees and debris at drainage trough at north side of lower yard
4. Parking lot entrance pavement and striping
5. A/C unit removal and Plexiglas installation
6. Admin building cleanup – painting, light repairs
7. Repaint Visitor's Room walls, side rooms and sally port
8. Replace Visitor's Room vinyl baseboards (except those already painted)
9. Add screen over Sagebrush room exterior door
10. Admin front door mechanism and lower jams
11. Repair frozen/broken hinges on north wing doors to lower yard
12. Visitor room exit door to lower yard – replace/repair
13. Replace and/or repair both Culinary Doors and jams

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14. Lighting to control room
15. Re-lamp visiting room with LED lights and on/off switch
16. Visitor room ADA bathroom banks – water/sewer improvements
17. Supply water to Warden’s yard/trees
18. Flagpole area and brick sales area
19. Commission study of quarry face

**Priority 2 Projects (2022-2023):**

1. Maintenance road, interior and exterior north fence cleanup
2. Admin main entrance stair repair
3. Courthouse ramp replacement
4. Remove trees in quarry face above Cave
5. Remove tree stump at warm spring and repair damage to both walls
6. Remove tree stump at foundation near execution chamber
7. Restore Last Night Cell bars to original
8. Rehabilitate Selleck Guard Tower
9. Remove modern attachments and conduit at north wall
10. Remove cage at lower yard Tool Room / Shower
11. Repaint lower yard east metal exterior stairs near 7-Post
12. Repaint lower yard north metal exterior stairs
13. Landscape lower yard
14. Hot water to Courthouse
15. Repair and/or replace C-Block north doors and jams
16. Install faux door locks on C-Block Isolation Doors
17. Address issues from quarry face study

**Priority 3 Projects (2023-2024):**

1. Repoint entire facility (possible apprenticeship project)
2. Execution chamber eastside metal stairs
3. Stairs to catwalk near courthouse
4. Cell House east side ADA ramp
5. Replace Sagebrush Door with proper Bar Door (in muster room)
6. Culinary stairs repair
7. Tunnel stairs repair
8. Replace weightlifting area concrete
9. Raise Sagebrush room transformer and switch gear above water level
10. Repair Courthouse outlets and electrical panel in closet
11. Re-electrify culinary lights and outlets
12. Re-electrify A, B, & C Block safety lights

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13. Re-electrify laundry room
14. Re-electrify education outlets and lights and electric panel

**Priority 4 Projects (after 2024):**

1. Muster room stairs ADA improvements
2. Re-electrify Front Gate
3. Replace 1 Tower windows
4. 1 Tower swamp cooler
5. Landscape Warden's House yard and tree area
6. Pave north wing driveway
7. Pave eastside driveway behind Cell Block
8. Electric meter
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**Priority 5 (Long-term projects):**

1. Elevator from Mattress Factory to Law Library
2. Rehabilitate Warden's House
3. Rebuild Cave wooden supports
4. Rehabilitate staff cottages
5. Recreate Gatling Gun at Courthouse
6. Reconstruct Guard Tower above cave
7. Flag wall
8. Pave old 5th Street
9. Repair broken door of leather machine

**TOURS & EVENTS**

The big deal this month was the 3 days of tours over the Nevada Day weekend. Every slot on every tour was sold, even though we had some no-shows. This was our biggest weekend of the year, and everything went Sooooo smooth. Special thanks to Bill Fletcher for organizing all of us guides and sweeps this season.

**PARANORMAL:**

Susan Bernard reviewed the activities of the Paranormal Crew for the last year. This Crew has made a tremendous contribution to the revenue of the institution and the cleaning. One of the highlights of the Crew's activities was the hosting of the "Destination Fear" production crew at the institution on 4-26-21 to 4-29-21, for the filming of an episode featuring NSP. This episode will be aired on 11-27-21, on the Travel Channel and Discovery Plus.

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**Susan Bernard Joe Kinsley with Kevin Johnson and the team From Destination Fear**  
[ They don't look very fearful to me! ]

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## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

**During the meeting President Jim Wells emphasized the contribution of our volunteers to the success of our first tour season. This organization would not exist without our volunteers and the prison would be in steep, physical decline. Thank you to:**

**Mary Lynn Atkins  
Alex Baca  
Jim Benedetti  
Susan Bernard  
Bianca Blohme  
Chris Blohme  
Ed Blohme  
Mike Budge  
Alison Caldwell  
Pam Cipolla  
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Greg Smith  
Stacey Sowell  
Beverley Wickel  
Lisa Walsh**

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HISTORY: Nevada State Journal, 11-12-1901

Well....I guess the history of NSP goes back a lot further than we thought!

**SOME** scientists are trying to prove that Adam was an American. We don't doubt it, and furthermore that he was a native son of Nevada. Those prehistoric tracks in the State prison yard were evidently indented about that time and Eagle valley is noted for its apples which would tempt a far less primitive palate than our ever so many great grandfather's. The fossil remains of serpents are also in evidence in the penitentiary quarry and there is a whole lot of other proof that the garden of Eden was a suburban attachment to Carson City. It wouldn't surprise us any day to read in the Carson Appeal of the discovery in the prison grounds of the petrified fig leaves which constituted the décolleté costumes of the first pioneers of this terrestrial globe

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