

Hello Gang - - -



As you read in the last edition of *The Branch Line*, June Hannon is now officially our PAST Steering Committee Chair. It will be both daunting and humbling to follow in June's footsteps. Thanks for your efforts, June! As the first Steering Committee Chair with a full time job, I anticipate delegating work, so be prepared! June has promised she will continue to be involved on the Steering Committee and with the Museum. June will be assisting with public relations, among other things.

Jerry Warren has agreed to be my Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee. (June aligned the stars to make this happen – Jerry is a member of June's church). The Vice-Chair will be the coordinator of *Train Day* and Jerry has already proven that he can take an assignment and run with it - - without calling the Chair for weekly direction. Welcome aboard Jerry! Thanks for all you've done thus far.

Chuck Brydon did a masterful job of organizing the recent ribbon-cutting at the One Room School House. Thanks for the effort, Chuck.

The problem with singling people out is that you tend to forget others' contributions. The entire Steering Committee should be applauded! This year the following committee members will serve in the following capacities:

Dave Larsen – Chairman
Jerry Warren – Vice-Chair
Chuck Brydon - Marketing Chair
Carmen Curtis - Volunteer Chair
Kate Elliott – Exhibits Chair
Jim Lane - House Chair
Eloise McTigue - Store Chair
Don Metz - Finance Chair
Betty Joyce - Program Chair
June Hannon – Immediate Past Chair

The Museum Board, staff and volunteers are in the midst of a strategic planning exercise which should help us focus on future goals and objectives. At the risk of leaving important items out, the following are among the goals and objectives that I believe we will be emphasizing:

- Fundraising
- The development of an endowment fund
- Clarifying the relationship between the Steering Committee and the Board
- Finding additional storage facilities
- Making residents of the entire Valley aware of the Museum

I'm looking forward to a great year! Please feel free to call with questions, suggestions or concerns. You can reach me at 855-1024.

Dave Larsen

