

**Arizona Historical Society
Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting
April 14, 2015**

Present:

Betty Cook, Linda Head, Doug Hocking, Jeff Horwitz, Leslie Hunter, Shirley Pinkerton, Nancy Young Wright, and Armando Vargas

Absent: Leslie Hunter

Staff and others Present:

Les Roe (Division Director), Bill Cavaliere, Walter Lane, Bernard Wilson, Ralph Wong

Call to Order

President Young Wright called the meeting to order at 3:05p.m.

Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

Approval of Board Minutes

The revised minutes of the March 10, 2015 Chapter Board meeting, were unanimously approved on motion by Doug Hocking and seconded by Betty Cook.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report but Director Roe did give provide the fund balance.

President's Report

President Young Wright stated that there is an Arizona History Convention set for April 23-26, 2015. At the same time, the Tucson Preservation Foundation is conducting a Joesler tour. We have been given permission to sit at that registration table and give out information about our own Joesler Restoration Project. President Young Wright is hoping to partner with the Foundation for the benefit of both organizations.

Director's Report

Les Roe reported as follows:

- SB1200 passed both houses of the Legislature but was vetoed by Governor Ducey. That bill would have transferred the past Mining and Mineral Museum to the Arizona Geological Survey Department. Presently the building and its collection are under the administration of the Arizona Historical Society. SB1201 passed both houses of the Legislature and was signed by the Governor. That bill establishes a Governor appointed Board replacing our traditionally member elected State Board. This will impact the Chapter with regard to representation on the State Board. The State Board will transition into these appointed positions as current Board members' terms expire.
- The 2nd Street Museum's roof and its replacement/repair has been made a priority by the State Department of Administration.
- The Sosa-Carillo-Fremont House has been reopened. It has been closed for approximately seven years. It will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11:00 to 3:00. The hope is that it will be self-sustaining with the use of it as a rental facility.
- Our earned revenue from a measured period for last year compared with the same period ending in March of this year showed that we have increased 41%. That increase exceeds expectations.
- Sample Bylaws being considered by the Northern Division will be forwarded to this Board to take a look at as we consider revisions to our own.
- The Museum is partnering with Old Tucson to sponsor the Cholla Bud Harvest Dance as a part of the 22nd Waila Festival events featuring the Tohono O'odham social dance music. The dance will be held in the AHS auditorium on Saturday, April 25th. A happy O'odham New Year Dance is set for July 25th and the Waila Festival will be held on November 28th at the Old Tucson Rodeo Arena.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Affiliate Organization Reports

Armando Vargas reported on Pathfinder activities.

- Pathfinders is sponsoring a tour to Ft. Apache on May 9th. Armando will email details.

- Pathfinder's annual meeting will take place on May 14th at the Museum. Armando will email details.

Betty Cook reported on Docent Council activities:

- They conducted two cemetery tour events over the past month. The Holy Hope Cemetery tour attracted about 50 people and was a good fundraiser.
- Docent Council continues to work on their trip to Chaco Canyon at the end of September. There are still a few spots left on the bus.
- Docent Council annual meeting will be May 11th.

Call to the Public

There were no comments from the public.

New Business

Director Les Roe reported on the first item under new business, the Joesler Restoration Project.

- Fundraising has resulted in \$3,500 to date.
- The Board is being asked by Director Roe to continue supporting this project with some additional fundraising activities. Suggestions might be a 1950's Night and also possibly an art auction event. It was also suggested that a historic house/basement/neighborhood tour could be included and end up at the Museum. Other ideas were discussed. Linda Head volunteered to chair a committee to look at fundraising ideas for the project. All interested Board members are invited to participate.

Our second order of business was the election of new Board members. Director Roe reviewed some of the rules governing the addition of new Board members. After introductions of current Board members and potential Board members, a motion was made by Linda Head to accept Walter lane, Bernard Wilson, Ralph Wong, Shirley Pinkerton and Bill Cavaliere as new interim Board member of the Southern Arizona Chapter of the Arizona Historical Society. The motion was seconded by Betty Cook and unanimously passed. These people will serve on the Board until the next annual meeting in November and be placed on the ballot to begin serving their first three year term at that time.

Our last order of business was discussion and action if any on the retreat planned for the Chapter Board. After discussion it was decided to work with our facilitator to find a date between the last two weeks in May and the first week in June to set the meeting. Linda will find dates that she will be available and send that info around to Board members for a final decision on date.

Announcements

President Young Wright announced the next regular meeting will be May 12, 2015.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The Executive Committee Meeting was canceled since all business was conducted at the Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda S. Head, Secretary

Nancy Young Wright, President

