

CENTRAL ARIZONA CHAPTER – ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 17, 2013

Members Present: George Flores, Janice Bryson, Don Nordlund, Phil Hanson, Peter Iverson, George Hartz, Charles Lucky, Kelly Corsette, Pam Ryan

Member Attending by Phone: Tobe Daum

Staff Present: Kyle McKoy, Director, CAC Museum at Papago Park, Bill Ponder, Chief Administrative Officer AHS, Nancy York, Seth Willey, Megan Gately, Madison Barkley, Briana Klass, Rebecca Tabah

Guest: Seth Franzman, volunteer

The meeting was called to order by President George Flores at 12:05 p.m. in the board room at the Central Arizona Chapter, Arizona Historical Society Museum at Papago Park. A quorum was present.

Call to the Public for Comments & Appointments/Nomination/Resignations/Oath of Office:

None at this meeting

Approval or Modification of Board Minutes:

Minutes approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report:

Charles Lucky reported income of \$657.84 and expenses of \$811.00 for a balance of \$17,133.00.

Staff Presentation by Rebecca Tabah:

Rebecca brought 3 framed watercolors for us to enjoy that were painted by Kakunen Tsuruoka when he was interned at the Japanese Internment Camp in Poston. The artist moved to New York after his release and did not ever paint again. Information on the watercolors can be found on the internet on the Arizona Memory Project – “A Celebration of the Human Spirit – Japanese-American Relocation Camps in Arizona” or under the Wade Head Collection. Head was director of the Poston Camp.

Presidents Report by George Flores:

- Pam Ryan emailed George Flores regarding the dates of our board meetings. They conflict with the monthly Historical League meeting since we have changed our meeting time to noon. Would it be possible to change the date of our board meetings? After a discussion, it was decided to move our meetings to the third Friday of the month at noon. We will try the new date for our February meeting. It will be held on February 15 at noon.
- Discussion was held on Michael Wade's email regarding the responsibilities of the chapter boards. Our board members also serve on other boards. Each member told what their responsibilities were on those boards. Two of our members brought forth the idea of the Historical League serving the Papago Park Museum in place of the current board. Bill Ponder advised that the chapter boards were formed under the state board. Our board has a lot of say in what we do in support of the Central Division. George Flores feels he has a responsibility to lead a discussion on the responsibilities of our board. He will ask Kyle to discuss with the staff what they would like our board to do. Be prepared to discuss Wade's email at the next meeting. Kyle welcomes the opportunity to discuss the issue with the board.
- Janice Bryson attended the state board meeting in January. She asked Bill Ponder to discuss the upcoming February 9 state board meeting in Yuma. All state board members are urged to attend to review the Heritage Campus ideas in Yuma and attend Redondo Days.

AHS Staff Report by Kyle McKoy:

- Kyle thanked Tobe Daum for the L. Ron Hubbard book donated to our library and archives. *Rediscovery of the Human Soul* is part of the L. Ron Hubbard Series.
- The front desk redesign was completed this morning. A sliding door is being installed in the place of the shower curtain.
- Anne Woosley asked that George Flores send a letter to Tucson acknowledging our suggestion that the Annual Meeting of the Arizona Historical Society be held each year in Tucson rather than alternating with our Tempe location.
- The Collections Committee on behalf of accessioning/deaccessioning has been re-established. It will be fairly robust in the beginning due to the significant backlog in all locations.

- Kyle emailed the most recent copy of the AHS bylaws. She had a hard copy available at the meeting should anyone want a copy.
- Nancy and Meghan gave information on National History Day. Registration can be done online. Judges are needed; they work in teams of 3.

Report by Bill Ponder:

Our board had requested Bill to speak to us about the AHS state budget relative to using our 1107 funds for the service agreement for the chiller.

Bill explained that right now the agency funding is in two sections – appropriated funding from the state and non-appropriated funding from miscellaneous funds. Approximately 80 % comes from appropriated funds and 20% from non-appropriated funds. This fluctuates depending on which division we are talking about. Appropriated funds cover staffing and some level of utilities. This has never covered all the utilities. Requests were made to the legislature to increase utility dollars - \$250,000.00 has been received so far. AHS is always judicious on how funds are used. Rental fees are a large factor for Central. Each chapter defines how they will use their 1107 dollars from membership. The only caveat is that the use of the funds must be signed off by the board president and the division director. Bill ensures that happens. Bill also explained about capital costs with state owned buildings and AHS as a tenant.

A very detailed discussion was held on the question of using our 1107 funds to cover the service agreement for the chiller. That would take up \$9,729.72 of our funds. The 1107 balance at the end of October was \$18,471.00. The Board did approve a \$1500.00 stipend for an intern at our December 20, 2012 board meeting. Bill advised that each board should determine what their 1107 funds are used for. Other boards have used the funds for utilities. It was expressed that the Central Board has generally felt that our 1107 funds should be used for the support of membership benefits and programs at the museum.

George Flores asked if there are things within the adopted budget that fall into the criteria that George Hartz and Charles Lucky feel strongly about in regards to the 1107 funds being used for benefits and programs. Could other programs be more compatible for a budget swap? George Flores asked Kyle to review the budget to see if a fund swap could be located as an option. The item was closed for this meeting. Kyle and Bill will bring something back to our February meeting.

Historical League Report by Pam Ryan:

The League's October meeting was a tour of the Hayden Flour Mill by the architect. November was a bus tour to Wickenburg with a visit to historical sites there.

December was a luncheon meeting and the children's holiday party. \$12,000.00 was raised. The January meeting being held today is a tour of the Basha private art museum.

Announcements and Other Matters for Consideration at Future Board Meetings:

Janice passed out a flyer on the Missing in America Project. Several groups are working to identify if any unclaimed cremated remains are eligible to be interred at the Veteran's Cemetery. The first service for 28 remains of American Veterans will be held on February 27, 2013 at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. The public is encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Bryson, Secretary.