

**Arizona Historical Society
Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting
May 17, 2016**

Present:

Bill Cavaliere, Betty Cook, Linda Head, Jeff Horwitz, Walter Lane, Shirley Pinkerton, Bernard Wilson, and Ralph Wong

Absent: Doug Hocking, Leslie Hunter and Dorothy Yanez

Staff Present:

Les Roe (Division Director), Caitlin Lampman (Archivist), Laraine Daly Jones (Curator); Roy Goodman (AHS Membership Chairman)

Guests Present: None

Call to Order

President Walter Lane called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the March 8, 2016 Chapter Board meeting were unanimously approved on motion by Jeff Horwitz and seconded by Shirley Pinkerton. Motion was carried unanimously.

USAM 21161 Fund Report

Director Roe our current fund balance is \$22,335.46. Memberships are up again this month.

President's Report

President Walter Lane stated that he did not have a report.

Director's Report

Director Les Roe reported that the AHS Mining and Mineral Collections have been given to the Geological Survey Department at the University of Arizona. He also stated that there are still a few things that need to be done to the building. Joesler restoration is ongoing and perhaps by the next Board meeting or even the next committee meeting the tiles will be removed from the ceiling. We have put in a \$150,000.00 grant to the Marshall Foundation for the History Lab and we have not yet heard from them. A digital copy will be forwarded to Board members. Director

Roe also reported that Mary Ann Ruelas will be doing a new Volunteer Boot Camp soon. We did advertising this year and have a new group of recruits. The first Boot Camp was done last year. The new initiative at the Museum is "First Friday" programming. One of our guest speakers will be Doug Hocking. Finally, Les stated that the "Chasing Villa" exhibit has been very well received and added that just recently donated and on display are a pistol and rifle used by Gen. Patton's driver used to kill Villa's bodyguard.

Support Organization Reports

Pathfinders: Laraine Daly Jones gave a report on the 40th anniversary of the Pathfinders event at the Sosa-Carrillo House. Pathfinders is planning a trip to Palm Springs in the fall.

Los Amigos: Shirley Pinkerton reported that Los Amigos had their annual meeting with a good turn out. There are new officers for the year: President, Frank Ratey; Sarah Tunnell, Vice-President; Ann Felker, Secretary; and Ginny Ginn, Treasurer. She also stated that a fundraising trip to southern Arizona ranches is being planned.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach:

Linda Head introduced Kristen Tyree, one of our volunteers who will be managing our Facebook page. Kristen Tyree stated that the page, Southern Arizona History Connection, had 31 likes at that point. She stated that the purpose was to highlight the history and related events and activities around southern Arizona. Roy Goodman stated that if he was sent the link it could be publicized in the monthly AHS newsletter. Kristen took us for a visual tour of the page and explained how we will be able to use it to announce our events and educate viewers.

Linda Head reported that the committee met in April and debriefed the Pancho Villa event. The committee also discussed fundraising activities including a mailing at the end of the year to businesses soliciting end of the year donations. Finally, the committee is beginning to plan "History on Tap" pub night. Betty Cook and Shirley Pinkerton have done the groundwork on the event. Shirley stated that she is working with Sarah Tunnell on the project. Jeff Horwitz offered to help with this event.

Operations: Ralph Wong reported that the committee discussed the possibility of reopening the kiva and change the Treasurer's Gallery. The committee also discussed getting rid of the period rooms to provide space for the History Lab.

Resources: There was no report.

New Business

Laraine Daly Jones introduced the Board to our newly acquired Goldie Richmond story quilt. While it was being held up, she described some of the illustrations depicted on the quilt. It will be celebrated and displayed soon.

The first item of new business was discussion and action if any on USAM21161 funds for Joesler desk and other projects. Director Roe discussed funding the Joesler desk. He gave us details on the bids that had come in. He asked the Board for up to \$6,000.00 to be used to build the desk. Linda Head moved to approve up to \$6,000 of USAM funds to build the Joesler desk. Jeff Horwitz seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

The second order of business was the discussion of a new activity "Festival of Trees." Director Roe described the different ways this event has been done by different organizations. He stated that this annual activity would need Board support. He felt this should be a staff-Board partnership. The museum would buy the trees and sell sponsorships locally to decorate the tree and space. It will be publicity for businesses/families/individuals. Les described the wreath idea. Decorated wreaths could be donated to the museum and then auctioned off. Les suggested that we look at the Nantucket website publicizing the Nantucket Festival of Wreaths and Trees. President Lane stated that the Museum staff had this Board's endorsement to move forward with this activity.

The final item of new business was the discussion and action if any on creating a nominating committee to solicit new Board members. Linda Head stated that we have eleven Board members. Director Roe stated that we still need more help with planning and projects and expertise that is missing. Jeff Horwitz stated that additional Board members are needed to spread out the activities and eliminate the possibility of "burn-out" particularly now that we are very active. President Lane asked who would like to participate on an ad hoc Nominating Committee. The Committee was formed with Bill Cavaliere, Jeff Horwitz, and Walter Lane who will work with Director Roe to identify and pursue potential Board members.

Call to the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Announcements

President Lane announced that the next committee meetings will be Tuesday, June 14, 2016 @ 3:00, and the next Board meeting will be held, Tuesday, July 12, 2016 @ 3:00. Ralph Wong announced the Operations Committee would be meeting Tuesday, May 31, 2017 instead to accommodate committee members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda S. Head, Secretary

Walter Lane, President