

Minutes

AHS Rio Colorado Chapter
October 7, 2015 @ 6:00P.M.
E.F. Sanguinetti House Museum
Yuma, Arizona

Members Present: Rachel Stallworth, Kathi Marcus, Pete Thompson, Cecilia Young, Cathy Reeves

Members Absent: Bruce Gwynn, Betsy Gottsponer, J.P. Mahon

Staff Present: Yana Kruse

Guest: Leonard Marcisz, President of AHS Board of Directors

Decisions Taken at this Meeting:

Kathi Marcus moved that the revised Memorandum of Agreement with AHS be approved. Tom Rushin seconded the motion. Approved by the quorum. (Keep 3 members on each board- RCC & YCHS)

Approved to print 50 colored, 36 x12 posters for a fundraiser. Sun Graphics will be the printer.

1. **Call to Order-** President Rachel called the meeting to order.
2. **Roll Call-** Cathy Reeves called roll- 7 members present.
3. **Call to the Public-** President Rachel requested comments- None presented.
4. **Discussion and action-** Kathi Marcus made the motion to accepted the minutes as corrected. Pete Thompson seconded the motion. Minutes approved. (the correction was to include the AZ Community Foundation to assist with the cost of tables and chairs for the museum.)
5. **Introductions-** President Rachel introduced Leonard Marcisz to discuss the MOU and AHS,Inc. and the Sunset Review. He commented on the overall historical support that the Yuma community displays throughout all the historical the sites in Yuma County. He reviewed the journey of the MOU and the clarification of it's existence. He further explained the Sunset Review and that A.H.S. is currently addressing and why. Leonard

also passed out the Sunset audit extract and discussed the main points. He shared 4 main points- Don't depend on legislative appropriations- they will be shrinking- that was the reason for creating "Friends of A.H.S.". Regional chapters will continue for there is the need for local contacts in each community, A.H.S. will continue allocating membership dues to local (regional) chapters. And finally the MOU discussion. He then opened the discussion up for questions. Leonard assured the group that YCHS dollars are untouchable through AHS. If other questions or concerns occur, please feel free to call his cell (480) 703-1738 or email him at 1marcisz@aol.com. He will be happy to talk and listen.

6. **President's Remarks- President Rachel** presented Leonard Marcisz a revised copy of RCC's recommendations on the MOU.
7. **AHS Representative Report-** Bruce was unable to attend. No report.
8. **Rio Colorado Chapter- E.F. Sanguinetti Museum Director's Remarks- Yanna Kruse-** The Ghost town exhibit is developing nicely. She thanked YCHS for being so helpful with funds. Tina Clark continues to work on the E.F. Sanguinetti room displays. The Caroline B. Jones Trust will be \$22,475. The question arose of why Caroline donated to the museum and discussion followed that possibly her husband "Fred" was a huge volunteer and fan of the historical location many years ago. Just a thought, if the husband's name was Fred. The Memory Maker Project was presented. The discussion of knowing the current finances before allocating dollars to those projects was a concern. The finances will be presented at the next YCHS meeting. President Rachel reported that Bruce continues to work on the AWC Scholarship Award, which would provide an A.W.C. student to assist with museum staffing and research. More information at the next meeting.
9. **Discussion and/or Action:** Kathi Marcus made a motion to accept the September 7th, 2015 minutes with the correction to add the AZ Community Foundation as the grant to assist with the funding of the tables and chairs for the museum. Tom Rushin seconded the motion. Motion approved. Cathy Reeves presented the possible fundraiser poster of Fort Yuma. The group approved the cost of approximately \$500 to produce 50 posters. The MOU revisions were discussed (keeping 3 common members on each board- YCHS and RCC- approved by the group to forward to AHS.
10. **National Heritage Area-** Tom Rushin reported on 3 upcoming fundraisers at the Yuma Territory Prison. Tina Clark continues to work on redoing the displays at the prison. There will be a new sign for the Prison being developed by State Parks. The Prison needs to add staff. The Quarter Master Depot is not attracting the foot traffic it needs. Possible name and focus change. The new name would be Colorado River State Historical Park to highlight the past-present and future history of the river. A projected 9 million dollars will be needed to make the change. Looking at different foundations for possible funding. Future housing on 1st Street with 64 units. National Parks will be allocation \$50,000 to clear 15-1700 feet of bank line for according to the Yuma Police that's an area for many homeless and increased crime. The State Parks , the City of Yuma and Dave Poletto's (private citizen) will work together to eradicate the undergrowth and weeds. Time frame is 2016 project. The 102 So. Madison property restoration is going

well and has been purchased by Dave Poleto for office space. The federal level audit has passed, now it goes before the Congress. The reauthorization would be for 7 years.

11. **Announcements and matters for consideration at future board meetings:** President Rachel encouraged members to send her suggestions for items to be considered at the next board in November. Two new board members were welcomed- Pete Thompson and Cecilia Young. The meeting stayed open until the YCHS meeting was closed at 8.29P.M. The Redondo Day will be fundraiser will be February 6th, 2016. Please give Anita the assignment you had last year so she can get meeting notices out for upcoming committee meetings. Her email is Mtroop_6@msn.com.

12. **Adjournment.** President Rachel adjourned the meeting at 7:15P.M.
The next Meeting will be November 4th, 2015@ 6 P.M. at the Sanguinetti House.

Submitted by Cathy Reeves- Recording Secretary. October 10, 2015

President Rachel Stallworth