

**Arizona Historical Society
Rio Colorado Chapter
November 3, 2015
E.F. Sanguinetti House Museum
Yuma, Arizona**

Members present

Rachel Stallworth
Kathi Marcus
Pete Thompson
Tom Hurt
Bruce Gwynn,
Betsy Gottsponer
Cecilia Young

Staff present

Yanna Kruse

Guests

Ann Harrison
Tom Rushin
Ramona Goff
Mike Pancrazi
Donna Johnson

Members Absent

J.P. Mahon
Cathy Reeves

Decisions taken at the meeting

None taken.

- 1. Called to order** - President Rachel Stallworth called the meeting at 7:40 p.m. after YCHS meeting.
- 2. Roll Call** – Attendees were Rachel Stallworth ,Kathi Marcus , J.P. Mahon, Betsy Gottsponer, Pete Thompson, Tom Hurt, Bruce Gwynn and Cecilia Young. A quorum was declared.
- 3. Call to public** – none
- 4. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of October 7, 2015 were tabled until the next meeting. Moved by Gottsponer and seconded by Gwynn.
- 5. President's Report** – President postponed until later in meeting.
- 6. AHS Representative Report** - Governor Ducey appointed the new state AHS board. Bruce Gwynn and (unknown) were appointed from Yuma. Nothing else to report.
- 7. Museum Director Report**

More weddings and events in gardens. Wonderful.
Ghost Walk sold-out already. Will do a trial run if anyone interested.
Also other walks planned. Ghost town display well received.
- 8. Discussion and/ or Action**
 - A. AWC scholarship for Student Interns – Gwynn suggested two interns. Gwynn family will provide one and RCC and/or YCHS provide one. \$500 each to do research and tours and any projects that Yanna thinks of.
 - B. Committees of RCC postponed to December or later meeting. Commented that an agenda for each committee meeting needed to be posted.

C. Meeting date – No really good time. Final choice is third Tuesday of each month. Gwynn moved and Marcus seconded. Members voted that next meeting will be Tuesday, December 15th. YCHS board will meet on same date.

9.National Heritage Area

Tom Rushin reported the following: Attendance at Prison up 8%, 62,000 visitors so far this year. The November event in the cells is sold out with 135 tickets; they expected maybe 75 persons if lucky. The Quartermaster's Depot will have the farmers' market again on Sundays. The Pie Shoppe opens in January. The Christmas rentals and weddings have picked up. The Heritage Area is working on a new state park proposal, with a 25 year arrangement among Arizona State Parks, City of Yuma, and the Heritage Area. This will require a major infusion of money and a new name for the Quartermaster Depot. New state parks brochure arrived marketing the three museums.

10. Announcements: President's Stallworth reminded all that we shall have a Christmas Party for docents and/or members after the December 15 Board meeting. Yanna called it “The Ghosts of Christmases Past”. Gwynn will gather a committee and plan it. Board meeting at 5:30; public party at 6 p.m., with deserts and warm cider and hot chocolate. Discussion to continue by e-mail and ratification at next (December 15) meeting.

Matters for consideration at future board meetings – none.

Adjournment

(A member) moved the meeting be adjourned. (Another member) 2nd at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be December 15th at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by Betsy Gottsponer, substitute secretary- Dec. 7th, 2015