

**Arizona Historical Society
Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting
November 7, 2016**

Present: Bill Cavaliere, Betty Cook, Ron Green, Linda Head, Jeff Horwitz, Leslie Hunter, Walter Lane, Shirley Pinkerton, Frank Ratey, Tom Sheridan, Bob Vint, and Ralph Wong

Absent: Bernard Wilson

Staff Present: Roy Goodman (Membership Chairman)

Guests Present: none

Call to Order

President Walter Lane called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the September 20, 2016 Chapter Board meeting were unanimously approved on motion by Bob Vint and seconded by Jeff Horwitz.

USAM 21161 Fund Report

Director Roe reported that our current estimated fund balance is \$13,240.00. The two major expenditures were the Joesler desk and the HVAC repairs.

President's Report

President Walter Lane stated that he had a few items to mention. First, is to make sure all know about the Sonoran Wreath Festival going on now. History on Tap will be happening on January 28th. This fundraising event is being coordinated through Los Amigos with members of our Board also participating on the committee. Jeff Horwitz added a few details regarding the event and asked Board members to help solicit sponsors for the event.

Director's Report

Director Roe outlined the priorities for 2017 for the Museum and Chapter. History Lab is the big exhibit project. He stated that he is looking for participants for the History Lab. He encouraged Board members to think of people or groups who might want to develop content for History Lab. Another priority is to work on the Arizona Story exhibit. This is a statewide priority and will be the focus of fundraising by the Friends of the Arizona Historical Society. With regard to renovating the Mining Hall, he wants to find seed money to begin working on it. It was built in 1979 and has not been updated since. Arizona History Museum building has been

undergoing needed repairs and continues to need more work. Director Roe feels that HVAC system will not last through another year. Two more initiatives that have come from the AHS Director regard revenue and membership. He asked Roy Goodman to talk about giving memberships as holiday gifts. Roy passed out gift membership forms and outlined the benefits to recipients and to AHS. He also described the process and what happens when a membership is gifted.

Support Organization Reports

Pathfinders: Shirley Pinkerton stated that there will be a potluck December 8th @ 6:00 with Bill Kalt talking about aviation in Arizona. Les added that the Palms Springs Trip fundraiser raised approximately \$9,000.

Los Amigos: Frank Ratey gave details about the Sonoran Wreath Festival. Two other events being sponsored by Los Amigos is the Holiday Party on December 9, 2016 and the History on Tap event scheduled for January 28, 2017. The Holiday Party will be funded by Los Amigos and the Chapter 501(c)3. It is strictly a social event and will be family friendly.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach: Linda Head stated that the committee has been focusing on the History on Tap event, and that report was already given.

Operations: Ralph Wong reported that committee had discussed the possibility of the Convention Center taking over running the Sosa-Carrillo-Fremont house and running events and activities there. He stated that it might be possible to do that with the Charles O. Brown house as well. That would allow the staff to focus more attention on Ft. Lowell.

Resources: Tom Sheridan gave a brief report for that committee. He stated that the History Lab has great potential and resources for making this concept a success. He described some of the various past grassroots activities to collect, preserve and share history. Tom talked about working on ideas for the Mining Hall.

At this point in the meeting, President Lane asked that each of the new members of the Board select a committee that they felt they could best contribute to. Frank Ratey volunteered to join the Outreach Committee. Tom Sheridan volunteered to join the Resources Committee.

New Business

The first item of new business was discussion and action if any regarding Board officers. That item was taken up earlier in the meeting. No further action is needed.

The second item was discussion and action, if any, on the future of branch museums. Director Roe spoke to that item. The museums are struggling to remain open with volunteer help. He stated that it costs approximately \$12,000 a year to run the Downtown Museum. We have been losing money keeping these museums open and it is a problem that needs to be addressed.

The next order of business was the discussion and action, if any, regarding the future of Chapter Advisory Boards. Director Roe gave a brief history of the evolution of the AHS Chapter Advisory Boards. He stated that one of the big roles of the Boards is to be a connection to the communities they represent. Jeff Horwitz asked

that he be prepared with information when the State Board takes up the question keeping or dissolving Chapter Boards. Further discussion of this item will come at future meetings.

The last two items on the agenda were discussion and action, if any, on recruitment of new members and discussion and feedback, if any, on History Lab and future exhibits. These items were tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

Call to the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Announcements

President Lane announced that the next committee meetings will be Monday, December 5, 2016 @ 3:00, and the next Board meeting is scheduled to be held, Monday, January 2, 2017 @ 3:00.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda S. Head, Secretary

Walter Lane, President

