

AHS Rio Colorado Chapter
October 11th, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.
Sanguinetti House Museum and Gardens
Yuma, Arizona

Members present:

Rachel Stallworth
Cathy Reeves
J.P. Mahon
Bruce Gwynn
Kathie Marcus
Tom Rushin

Members Absent:

Betsy Gottsponer
Cecilia Young
Shara Merton

Staff present:

Yanna Kruse

Guests:

YCHS Members

Decisions Taken at this meeting:

None Taken

1. **Called to order** - President Bruce Gwynn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** – After roll call a quorum was declared.
3. **Call to the Public**- None
4. **Approval of the minutes** – The motion to approve minutes with corrections from the RCC Chapter meeting on September 13, 2016 was moved by Kathi Marcus and seconded by Rachel Stallworth.
5. **President's Report**– President Bruce Gwynn reported that the AHS State Board reviewed laws surrounding the right to carry firearms into museums. The AHS Board decided that there will be no restriction imposed prohibiting visitors from carrying firearms into AHS museums.
6. **AHS Representative Report- Bruce Gwynn**
The *Friends of AHS* (fundraising arm of AHS) has raised \$16,000 to have an AHS app created using the Cuseum app tool. The free, downloadable Cuseum app will make it possible for visitors to AHS museums to have the ability to hear more in-depth information about the museum and its artifacts as they stroll through museums. Implementation at the Sanguinetti House Museum is planned for 2017.

The *Friends of AHS* will also be attempting to raise \$50,000 per museum division to fund the Arizona Story Project, involving a timeline mural at the Molina Block.

Bruce reported that there will now be four AHS State Board Meetings per year- Yuma, Tucson, Tempe and Flagstaff, and occasionally in Miami, Arizona. The Arizona Historical Society's Gifford Collection was also discussed. Bruce thanked Yanna Kruse, Cathy Reeves, and others for a very successful museum opening.

7. **Museum Director Report**- Yanna Kruse
Yanna Kruse thanked Donna Johnson and Mary Campbell for sponsoring the Sanguinetti Chocolate Shoppe in the back garden room of the museum. It is now open! Charlie Flynn, Executive Director of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area, approved \$5,000 in special project funding for the Sanguinetti House Museum. Projects include: installation of a wrought iron archway at the

Sanguinetti House entrance, museum signage throughout Yuma's historic district, and new microphones for tours and events.

8. **Discussion and Action** – Bruce informed RCC that Arizona Humanities will be sponsoring two of the lectures planned for this winter's Lecture Series. Arizona Humanities will cover all speaker costs as long as lectures are offered to the public at no cost.

Other discussion focused on an AHS membership drive. Each RCC member should attempt to secure 5 new members this year. All agreed. Bruce announced that Norman Sanguinetti has generously donated again this year. A check for \$6,000 was received to support garden care.

The Lecture Series will include the following:

1/17th/2017- Doug Hawking- Apache Wars
2/07- Greg Scott- Missions
3/14- Jim Turner- Colorado River
4/18- Rebecca Talbot- Coolidge Collection

9. **National Heritage Area** – Tom Rushin reported: The Territorial Prison did have a small increase in visitors this year and that the Prison is continuing to do well. He stated that MSCP funds to support maintenance in the East Wetlands have been significantly reduced for FY17. He also reported that the City of Yuma and the Heritage area working together to provide maintenance along the river trails. Senator McCain visited the Territorial Prison and he was impressed with our accomplishments. Tom will be going off the board in January, and he asked Yanna if she would be his replacement. Yanna said she would consider his request and let him know.

10. **Other- Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Reeves- Recording Secretary

Bruce Gwynn - President