

AHS Rio Colorado Chapter
September 13th, 2016@ 5:33 P.M.
Sanguinetti House Museum and Gardens
Yuma, Arizona

Members present:

Rachel Stallworth
Cathy Reeves
Pete Thompson
Betsy Gottsponer
Bruce Gwynn
Cecilia Young
Shara Merten
Kathie Marcu
Tom Rushin
J.P Mahon

Members Absent:

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 5:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** – after roll call a quorum was declared.
3. **Call to the Public**- None
4. **Approval of the minutes** – Approval was moved by Kathi Marcus and second by Rachel Stallworth.
5. **President's Report**– President Bruce reported on upcoming Redondo Days on Feb. 4th, 2017, the upcoming 4 lecture series which will be at 1 PM and 6 PM. YCHS is able to use the Yuma Art Center or City Hall. Participants will not be charged to attend the first 2 talks, but will be charged for the last 2 talks. Garden talks will be about Wyatt Earp. A new board member is needed to replace Velma Townsend. Amanda Mahon is back in Yuma. Replacement will be voted on at the next meeting.

Bruce told Harvest Preparatory Academy that YCHS would donate the “Early Yuma Graphic History Book to the school for each student. Discussion followed by the amount that was being donated and the limited number of books remaining in storage, if donating that many books was a realistic adventure. Further discussion considered scanning the book and putting it in each student’s computer. There was considerable concern that was not a good idea for then the book could be shared with a wider audience who would not purchase the book from the Mellon Mercantile story.

Jane Edwards will be painting a picture of the Sanguinetti House which could be sold for a profit.

6. AHS Representative Report –Bruce reported about the discussion of guns at AHS. There was discussion to reduce the standing committees and put the rest to adhoc. The outreach and marketing committees were discussed. There will be 4 board members going off the board, so keep the remaining members. There will be no lobbyist for AHS but with that there is no one watching what the state might be proposing to change the funding. The annual meeting will be in November in Tucson, plus online. AHS has created a new brand so all the museum. Yanna presented need to follow and change their signage and fliers. An extra cost to all the 5 museums in AZ.

7. Museum Director Report- Yanna Kruse

PROGRAM: Yanna spoke about the October 6th opening with the AHS Board meeting the following day at the Hertiage Library. The budget was discussed. Yanna gave a special thanks to Cathy Reeves, Tina Clark, Ramona Goff, Cecilia Young, Pete Thompson, Tom Rushin and Bruce Gwynn for their participation in various projects in the museum.

Yanna has submitted a grant for the Secret Garden Support. She is currently working with Charles Flynn on the highway signage to entice travelers to the museum. The front gates to the museum need to be redesigned in order to be more welcoming, so Yanna has been working with United Iron Works to design the front gates within the budget. Yanna informed the group there was a need for a PA system for the trolley tours. The auditory memories of Norman Sanguinetti will be presented on October in the back room of the museum. There is also the idea to have a Sanguinetti Chocolate Shop in the back room, with chocolates for sale. There will be needed a donation of approximation \$600 in order to get the display case and the chocolates.

8. Discussion and Action – None taken

9. National Heritage Area- None reported

10. Financial Update- The committee recommended a local person resume the financial reporting.

11. Nominating Committee- None

12. Other: President's Remarks- None

13. Announcements - Get Ready for Redondo Days for Redondo day

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Reeves- Recording Secretary

Bruce Gwynn - President