

AHS Rio Colorado Chapter
January 10th, 2017 @ 5:30PM
Yuma Main Library, 2nd Floor
Meeting Room
E.F. Sanguinetti House Museum
Yuma, Arizona

Members present:

Rachel Stallworth
Cathy Reeves
J.P Mahon
Bruce Gwynn
Kathie Marcus
Tom Rushin
Betsy Gottsponer
Cecilia Young
Kathi Marcus
Pete Thompson

Staff present:

None

Guests:

YCHS Members

Members Absent:

Shara Merten

Decisions Taken at this meeting:

None Taken

1. **Called to order** - President Bruce Gwynn called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 made by Kathi Marcus and second by Rachel Stallworth as corrected.
 5. **President's Report**– Bruce is now on the Helping Friends of A.H.S. Board. That Board will be creating a mural of Arizona's history, that will be given to each of the state's museum. Then, the Helping Friends of A.H.S. Board will give each museum \$8,000 dollars to personalize their mural to their area. There was discussion on how to display the mural over in the Molina Block area.
 6. **AHS Representative Report- Bruce Gwynn**
Bruce discussed the A.H.S. report in the YCHS meeting.
 7. **Museum Director Report**- Yanna Kruse. No report. Yanna was attended an A.H.S. meeting in Tucson. Will report at the next meeting.
 8. **Discussion and Action** – Bruce informed RCC that the Arizona Humanities series will be 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
- A. Ratify Executive approval to pay, Yanna, Ramona, Jean and Evy a Christmas bonus from the Y.C.H.S. Operating Account.
 - B. Ratify Executive approval to accept JSA Proposal on Molina Block Project to start this phase on 1-5-2017 to be completed by Redondo Day Event.
 - C. Protocols to be established for Cash Handling from Fund Raising events.
 - D. Add Ramona Goff as an Authorized Signer on the YCHS/Jack Mellon Mercantile Checking Account at 1st Bank so she can utilize Debit Card on Inventory purchases for the Gift Shop.
 - E. Other discussion was there needs to be a membership drive-each member

should attempt to get 5 new members this year. Everyone agreed.

F. A newsletter for YCHS/RCC is in the making.

G. Possibly year planning in March for 2017-2018.

H. Bruce announced that Norman Sanguinetti has donated again this year with \$6,000 to the gardens. Thank you, Norman.

9. National Heritage Area- Tom Rushin reported:

A. The Yuma Territorial Prison is doing well with visitor numbers.

B. City of Yuma- Az. State Parks received another lease of 20 years for the Prison and the Quartermaster Depot.

C. The Quartermaster Depot is in the process of a name change to the Colorado River State Historical Park. The park will focus the past-present-future of the river.

D. There is thought being given to making the Quartermaster Depot possibly a National State Park. This is a 5-year process. Then use U.S. government funds after it is built. John McCain, YCHS and other partners will work on a 58% to MSCP reduction in the Wetlands.

E. The Yuma Crossing National Heritage will be developing the next 15-year plan.

F. Tom thanks Yuma County National Heritage Area (YCNHA), Rio Colorado Committee (RCC) and YCHS for 9 years of support as President of the Heritage Area. Yanna Kruse will be taking his place on the board.

10. Financial Update- Rachael reported current sums for different areas of the museum.

Ramona reported that the Gift Shop is above sales from this time last year.

11. Announcements- Bruce reported that Norman Sanguinetti donated another \$6,000 to the Gardens. Thank you Norman.

12. Other- Adjourned at 7:35

Next Meeting will be held on March13, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Reeves- Recording Secretary

Bruce Gwynn - President