

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

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**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:
    - 1/17<sup>th</sup>/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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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Bruce Gwynn - President