

**Arizona Historical Society
Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting
September 15, 2015**

Present:

Linda Head, Doug Hocking, Walter Lane, Shirley Pinkerton, Bernard Wilson, Ralph Wong, Nancy Young Wright

Absent: Bill Cavaliere, Betty Cook, Jeff Horwitz, and Leslie Hunter

Staff Present:

Les Roe (division director), and Marica Whittemore (administrative assistant), Eric Gonzales (operations manager), Roy Goodman (AHS Membership Chairman), Caitlin Lampman (archivist/librarian), and Doreen Crowe (museum registrar)

Guests Present: none

Call to Order

President Nancy Young Wright called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the August 11, 2015 Chapter Board meeting were unanimously approved on motion by Walter Lane and seconded Shirley Pinkerton. Motion was carried unanimously.

1107 Fund Report

In the absence of our Treasurer, a brief overview was provided by Director Roe.

President's Report

During her time away, President Young Wright visited the Western Heritage Museum in Hobbs, New Mexico. She felt that they were doing an excellent job with interactive exhibits and activities.

Director's Report

Director Les Roe shared plans for developing small exhibits and activities. He termed the concept, "History Lab." An alternative description is "big history, small exhibits." This creation of these small exhibits would allow the exhibits to be portable and easily changed out. Eric Gonzales and Mary Ann Ruelas have gone to the AASLH Convention. They are working on energizing our museum and programming will be coming back with fresh ideas. The HVAC system is currently being worked on and replaced. Next, the roof will be replaced according to plans. Those projects have been approved. Finally, the Sosa-Carrillo-Fremont house is being renovated and additional conceptual plans have been drawn up. The Rio Nuevo Commission is having dialogue with us regarding partnerships and support. Finally, Southern Chapter's membership has increased.

Support Organization Reports

- Shirley Pinkerton announced that the Docent Council is working on plans to include all museum volunteers in some way. Plans are in progress.
- Shirley Pinkerton also announced that the Docent Council has approved an MOU with Southern Chapter.

New Business

1. Linda Head reported that Dorothy Yanez has been appointed to our Board as the Pathfinder representative.
2. Director Roe reported the "I Am Tucson" exhibit has been well received by both patrons and media. Medal of Honor Exhibit will be coming to us on November 10, 2015. We will be adding our additional museum artifacts to that exhibit.
3. Director Roe described the current office reorganization that will allow us to move forward with the Joesler Project.
4. The next order of business is the discussion of the \$150 scholarship to be given to the Junior Strings Quartet performing at the Medal of Honor reception. It was decided to ask the 501(c)3 Board to provide that scholarship money.
5. The next order of new business was to discuss and organize the new committees. President Young Wright felt that we need to standardize the reporting and structure of the committees. She suggested that we need a chair for each committee, agendas, and a standardized reporting instrument. It was decided that the committee meeting would be held every other month in place of the scheduled Board meeting. This arrangement would begin with committee

meetings in October. The meetings would all be scheduled at the museum at the same time as the regular Board meeting would be held. The committees were organized as follows:

Community: Betty Cook, Linda Head, Shirley Pinkerton, and Nancy Young Wright

Operations/Education: Jeff Horwitz, Bill Cavaliere, Walter Lane, and Ralph Wong

Resources: Doug Hocking, Bernard Wilson, and Les Hunter

Staff will be assigned and will work with each of the committees. A brief meeting of the committees, including the assigned staff, will be held later during this meeting to organize and begin planning.

Old Business

Linda Head announced that she had contacted the President of Pathfinders, Bill Kalt, who was eager and excited to have us attend the October 15, 2015 program. He will send us the flyer and it would be forwarded to Board members. Shirley Pinkerton outlined a few of the Docent Council upcoming activities. It was felt that, because of other AHS commitments, we would need to look at Docent Council activities that are scheduled at the beginning of 2015.

Call to the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Announcements

Doug Hocking announced that the Bisbee Corral of the Westerners has just won the Westerners International Heads Up Award. In addition, on April 6-9, the Southern Trails Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Assoc. will be meeting in Wilcox at the Community Center. He offered to set up a table for someone from AHS membership during that meeting.

President Young Wright announced that the next Board meeting would be held November 10, 2015. Further, the committees would meet on October 13, 2015

Recess

A 20 minute recess was called to allow the committees to meet.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The Executive Committee meeting was canceled since all business was conducted at the Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda S. Head, Secretary

Nancy Young Wright, President

