

**Arizona Historical Society  
Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting  
September 20, 2016**

Present: Linda Head, Leslie Hunter, Walter Lane, Shirley Pinkerton, Bob Vint, Bernard Wilson and Ralph Wong

Absent: Bill Cavaliere, Betty Cook, Doug Hocking, Jeff Horwitz and Tom Sheridan

Staff Present: Eric Gonzales (Museum Operations Manager), Caitlin Lampman (Archivist), and Mary Ann Ruelas (Education)

Guests Present: Frank Ratey (President, Los Amigos) and Sarah Tunnell (volunteer and Chairman of History On Tap event)

**Call to Order**

President Walter Lane called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

**Approval of Board Minutes**

The minutes of the July 19, 2016 Chapter Board meeting were unanimously approved on motion by Shirley Pinkerton and seconded by Les Hunter.

**USAM 21161 Fund Report**

President Lane reported that our current estimated fund balance is \$19,786.52 as of August 31, 2016. The \$5,000 approved by the Board for repair of the HVAC system has been transferred and the repairs have been done, according to Eric Gonzales, Museum Manager. This expenditure will reduce the reported fund balance.

**President's Report**

President Walter Lane stated that he did not have much of a report, but did have a question regarding the Tohono O'odham Nation Grant. He asked if we had heard regarding funding. Eric Gonzales stated that we had not yet received information.

**Director's Report**

Director Roe was not present to give a report, however, President Lane asked Eric Gonzales to give a report on the Mining Hall Renovation Project. Eric stated that during the meeting regarding this project there was discussion regarding its priority as a project. Mary Ann Ruelas added that much discussion centered on how to rehab it in light of other projects planned for the museum. There will be more discussion and planning forthcoming.

Mary Ann Ruelas stated that the Visit Tucson organization will be coming to photograph the Museum for an upcoming issue of their magazine. She invited any of the Board members and families to come and be a part of that photo shoot. Mary Ann also gave an update on the Sonoran Wreath Festival fundraiser. Los Amigos is the sponsoring organization for this fundraiser. The wreaths will go on exhibit on November 4, 2016. There will be an auction party for wreath artists and public to view and bid on wreaths. Businesses and individuals have and will continue to be encouraged to participate and are provided with a packet of information to guide their participation. Wreath forms will be provided through the Museum and all wreath donors will be provided donation documentation and tickets to the wreath party.

Eric Gonzales pointed out that our Joesler desk is now in place in the lobby. It should be functional in a week or so. Eric also detailed some of the changes in storage and exhibit space being done within the Museum. He also updated the Board on the requests to the State for needed repairs to the Museum. It has been met favorably and Director Roe will keep the Board informed. Eric announced that the January 8<sup>th</sup> Foundation's collection is being donated to AHS. We will need to seek \$100,000 to \$150,000 in funding to purchase the storage materials needed for the collection long-term. Finally, he stated that the Annual Meeting of AHS is scheduled at the Museum for November 5, 2016.

### **Support Organization Reports**

**Pathfinders:** No report for Pathfinders. Since we have not had representation from Pathfinders, we will need to reach out to that organization to appoint a new representative.

**Los Amigos:** At the beginning of our meeting today, Sarah Tunnell, Chairman of History on Tap event provided an update for the event. It is scheduled for January 28, 2017 transforming the Museum into Levin's Park. She encouraged participation and support of all Board members. Shirley Pinkerton gave an update on the recent fundraising trip organized by Los Amigos, On the Trail of Geronimo. She acknowledged Bill Cavaliere's contribution of accommodations for some of the participants, his presentation and the activities on his ranch during the stay. She stated that everyone loved the trip and were eager for the next one. Frank Ratey, President, added that the trips sponsored by Los Amigos have been major fundraisers and will continue to be so in addition to some of the new fundraisers on the calendar.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Community Outreach:**

Linda Head stated that the committee discussed History on Tap and the support and contributions our Outreach Committee can make to that event. She stated that, according to Kristen Tyree who is in charge of our Facebook page stated, we have 78 "Likes." It is active and will be used to promote all of our upcoming events and activities. With regard to First Friday programming, Los Amigos has taken that on as one of their projects providing refreshments for the events and even trying to "pair" the refreshments to the topic of the event. The next Joesler event is in the planning stage. The Sonoran Wreath Festival was also discussed.

**Operations:** Ralph Wong reported that the committee met and gave new Board member, Bob Vint, a tour of the facility.

**Resources:** Les Hunter stated that there is nothing to report. Bernard Wilson, a member of that committee, added that the committee had been asked to come up with ideas for displays and exhibits that would appeal to

our public. He suggested that it would serve as a bank of ideas to be used for programming and exhibits. Board members had questions regarding the use of the facility and exhibit space which Archivist, Caitlin Lampman responded to, including whether we loan our materials or exhibits.

### **New Business**

The first item of new business was discussion and action if any on the Advisory Board's role in AHS. President Lane stated that Director Roe wanted this on the agenda to discuss. Eric Gonzales provided some background to the subject. Linda Head added that recent events that might influence this is the legislation that created a Governor appointed State Board, the Sunset Review that suggested that we disband the chapter boards and also create a state wide non-profit. All of these events point to the need to revisit the organizational structure of AHS. This topic was tabled to the next meeting.

The final new business item was discussion and action, if any, of Doug Hocking's proposal for support for the request for change in signage at the Dragoon Springs Overland Mail Station to correct errors made in current signage. Doug provided support and information for this request and a draft of a letter for approval of our Board. After review and discussion, Linda Head moved that we adopt the draft letter and any revision Doug might make as our letter and support for this change. Ralph Wong seconded the motion and was then passed unanimously.

### **Call to the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

### **Announcements**

President Lane announced that the next committee meetings will be Monday, October 3rd @ 3:00, and the next Board meeting is scheduled to be held, Monday, November 7, 2016 @ 3:00. This change to Monday was agreed upon to allow all Board members to attend and the change to the first Monday so that we do not overlap the Los Amigos meeting days.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda S. Head, Secretary

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Walter Lane, President