

Rio Colorado Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting

October 25, 2023

Yuma County Main Library

2951 S. 21st Drive

Yuma, Arizona 85364

And on Conference Call

1. **Call to Order:** 5:35 pm by Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson

2. **Roll Call:** Present: Bruce Gwynn, Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson, Tom Rushin, Betsy Gotsponer, Monica Ketchum-Cardenas, Faron Owl, Sue Ann Willen, Sheridan Osborn, Emilia Cortez

Absent: Thelma Lundy, Tom Rush, Dr. Ellen Riek

3. **Call to the Public:** No response

4. **Approval of minutes:** Minutes for the September 26, 2023, Rio Colorado Chapter (RCC) Board of Directors meeting was approved. (Sheridan Osborn, Bruce Gwynn)

5. **President's Remarks:** Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson thanked everyone for being present and noted that due to the date change, Dr. Ellen Riek would not be able to be present to talk about student speakers. Dr. Riek will present on this subject in future meetings. Tom Rushin spoke about historic plaques. The downtown merchants have Matt Molenaar creating QR codes that will include information on downtown businesses. Tom shared that one of the challenges in increasing historic plaques is convincing homeowners of the benefits of having a historic plaque on their property. He added that in our area, no request for additional historic plaques had occurred for 25 years.

Dr. Elliott-Nelson shared that she and Bruce Gwynn are members of the state Arizona Historical Society Board and that she was elected as Board President on 9/29/23. She encouraged everyone to visit the AHS Tempe facility and see their exhibits.

The Arizona Historical Society 2023 Annual Report includes coverage of Yanna Kruse and other activities that took place in Yuma County. This can be seen at:

Additionally, Dr. Elliott-Nelson brought up that the Rio Colorado Chapter Board did not have an elected Secretary. Bruce Gwynn nominated Monica Ketchum-Cardenas as Secretary. Sheridan Osborn seconded the motion. Monica Ketchum-Cardenas was elected unanimously.

The Sanguinetti House and Gardens October 2023 report was sent to each RCC Board member on email and is attached to these minutes.

Future Meeting Dates: Dr. Elliott-Nelson asked board members about the 11/28/23 meeting since it occurred so close to the December 12/6/23 meeting. Board members chose to cancel the 11/28/23 meeting.

6. Announcements and matters for consideration at future board meetings. (None)

Future meetings: December annual meeting at the Sanguinetti House 12/6/23, 1/23/24, 2/27/24, 3/26/24, 4/23/24, 5/28/24, 6/25/24, July/August 2024 summer break – all RCC Board Meetings held at the Yuma Main Library except for those noted as being at the Sanguinetti House.

The RCC Board Meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.

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Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson, President of the Rio Colorado Chapter Board

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