

**Arizona Historical Society
Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting
July 10, 2017**

Present: Bill Cavaliere, Ron Green, Linda Head, Jeff Horwitz, Walter Lane, Shirley Pinkerton, Frank Ratey, Bob Vint, Ralph Wong and Dorothy Yanez

Absent: Betty Cook, Leslie Hunter

Staff Present: Les Roe (Director), Eric Gonzales (Operations Manager), and Roy Goodman (AHS Membership Chairman)

Guests Present: Craig McEwan, Nick Pierson, and Yvonne Clay

Call to Order

President Walter Lane 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 April 10, 2017 Chapter Board meeting were unanimously approved as amended on motion by Bob Vint and seconded by Frank Green.

USAM 21161 Fund Report

Director Roe reported that our current estimated fund balance is approximately \$16,000.00.

President's Report

President Walter Lane began his report by sharing that Tom Sheridan had been in the hospital, and that he was home recuperating now. He also stated that the State Board was reviewing and discussing the status of the Chapter boards. Jeff Horwitz added detail regarding the discussion. Jeff stated that the State Board is requesting input from the Chapter boards. President Lane offered to forward to our Board members the information sent to him by the State Board so that our Board members can review the information and formulate some responses and be prepared from a short special Board meeting prior to our committee meetings on May 1, 2017.

New Business

Before the introduction of new business, President Lane requested that Mr. Nick Pierson, member of the Fox Theater Board of Directors speak to our Board. Ralph Wong introduced Nick Pierson, Program and Marketing Chairman and the possibility of collaborating with Fox Theater on a joint fundraising venture. Mr. Pierson

identified several possibilities for that collaboration. It was suggested that this be addressed by the Operations Committee and brought back to the Board at our next meeting.

The first new business item was discussion and action, if any, post Anne Woosley's retirement. Les Roe announced that Bill Ponder, the AHS Chief Financial Officer, has been appointed to temporarily serve as Director while a national search is being conducted for our next Executive Director.

The next order of business was the discussion and action, if any, on next steps for exhibits. Les Roe requested that the Resources Committee take on this topic. Les felt that something combining gastronomy and Tucson's reputation for food should be considered.

The last order of business was discussion and action, if any, was regarding next steps for the Southern Division. With the hiring of a new Executive Director, possibly there might be some reorganization. Jeff Horwitz, State Board member, spoke to activities with regard to the future of divisions within AHS. No decisions have been made, but it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Call to the Public

Craig McEwan announced that the Chiricahua-Peloncillo Historical Society is hosting a fieldtrip to Camp Rucker on July 28, 2017. Bill Gillespie, retired archeologist for the Forest Service, will be giving a talk at the Camp. The visit will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Camp Rucker. Anyone interested can join the Portal/Rodeo group which will get together at 8:30 a.m. in Rodeo or they can go directly to Camp Rucker.

Announcements

President Lane announced that the next committee meetings will be Monday, August 7, 2017 @ 3:00, and the next Board meeting and *Annual Meeting* will be held on October 2, 2017 @ 3:00 p.m. Jeff Horwitz announced that Shaw Kingsley, Director of the Tubac Presidio, died this past week. Jeff highlighted some of his many accomplishments as Director.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda S. Head, Secretary

Walter Lane, President