

**Arizona Historical Society
Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting
July 9, 2018**

Present: Bill Cavaliere, Betty Cook, Ron Green, Linda Head, Walter Lane, Craig McEwan, Mark O'Hare, Frank Ratey (Los Amigos representative), Bob Vint and Ralph Wong

Absent: Michael Baldwin, Elaine Becherer, John Flynn (Pathfinder representative) Jeff Horwitz. Shirley Pinkerton, and Jim Sell

Staff Present: Eric Gonzales (Operations Manager) and Les Roe (Division Director), and Kate Stewart (Archivist & Librarian)

Guests Present: None

Call to Order

President Walter Lane called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the April 2, 2018 Chapter Board meeting was unanimously approved after a motion from Frank Ratey and seconded by Ron Green.

USAM 21161 Fund Report

Director Les Roe stated that we have \$21,114.00 in the account.

President's Report

President Walter Lane reported that the annual meeting will be October 1, 2018. The current officers' terms will be ending so we need a slate of officers for that meeting. Walter said he would be stepping down. He stated that his expectation would be that Ron Green, Vice-President, would move forward as President. He invited anyone who would like to volunteer for one of those officer positions to get in touch with him or Ron Green. He also stated that none of the Board members would be terming out this coming year.

New Business

The first item under new business was the discussion and action, if any, on the nomination and election of Susanne Walsh to the Southern Arizona Advisory Board. Walter Lane introduced Yvonne Clay, who gave a

brief description of herself, her background and interest in Arizona history. President Lane gave a brief overview of Suzanne Walsh and her background. Linda Head made the motion to elect both Suzanne Walsh and Yvonne Clay to the Southern Chapter Board. That motion was seconded by Ron Green. After a brief discussion, the motion was voted on and approved unanimously. Both Suzanne Walsh and Yvonne Clay have been assigned to the Outreach Committee.

The next item under new business was discussion and action, if any, regarding Membership Funds (USAM 21161) requests. Director Roe requested funds for two upcoming exhibits, the John Slaughter Exhibit and the Arizona Timeline Exhibit. He requested up to \$3,000.00 to complete those exhibits. He also stated that funds were needed for some repairs at the Brown House and at the Arizona History Museum and requested up to \$3,000.00 for that work. Craig McEwan moved that the Board approve up to \$6,000.00 for exhibits and repairs as requested. Frank Ratey seconded the motion which was voted on and approved unanimously.

The third item of new business was the discussion and action, if any, regarding Memorandums of Understanding. Les Roe stated that the new Memorandums would be between the support groups and the Arizona Historical Society. Mark O'Hare stated that he would finalize a draft to be presented to each of the support groups.

The next item of new business was discussion and action, if any, regarding who might be willing to attend State Board meetings s members of the public. Les Roe stated that we have been under-represented at the State Board meetings. He stated that southern Arizona needs to weigh in on some of the issues discussed at those meetings. There was discussion of who has been appointed to the State Board from Southern Division. Some of those members will be termed off soon. Les Roe suggested that some of our Board put in their requests to be considered as State Board members. Walter Lane suggested that the Operations Committee work on State Board representation from southern Arizona. Les stated that the next State Board meeting would be in Flagstaff on August 3, 2018.

Another agenda item of new business was discussion and action, if any, regarding county court house project and how it may affect our strategy. Les Roe spoke to this agenda item. He stated that the project may be in more revenue to AHS, but it will also take away staff time and impact operations here. There may be overlapping of information presented at the Downtown Museum and Ft. Lowell Museum. He wants to revisit what our role in the community should be with regard to those two museums. He felt that perhaps that should be a topic for discussion in both the Resources and Operations Committees meetings.

Discussion and action, if any, regarding developing a new 3 to 5 year plan was next on the agenda. Ron Green stated that we should develop a new 3 to 5 year plan to identify possible new exhibits for the future and explore our involvement in the community to expand what we do and how we do it. Les Roe suggested that we keep doing what we are doing until the end of 2018.

Another agenda item was discussion and action, if any, regarding Branch Museums. Les Roe stated that what he and Eric are seeing that the Ft. Lowell Museum and the Downtown Museum are continuing to be financial liabilities. With the Courthouse Project in development, we need to rethink our role in those two museums. After discussion and input, Les felt that developing a plan to present to the AHS Director. Mark O'Hare stated that he would like to know where and when the City Council will be discussing bond election supporting some of the city's public areas.

The final item under new business was discussion and action, if any, regarding Advisory Board redundancy vs. Friends of Arizona History. Les Roe stated that he felt that we do not have a need for an advisory board and

Friends of Arizona History. He further stated that he felt, at some point, it might be a good idea to merge all of the boards supporting this chapter. He further stated that what we may choose to do may be the pro-type for all of the Chapters. Les offered to draft a letter to the State Board for the next Board meeting regarding this topic.

Call to the Public

There were no comments by the public.

Announcements

Before announcing the date and time of the next Board meeting, Mark O'Hare suggested that we consider another day of the week for our meetings. After discussion, Bill Cavaliere moved to change the Board meeting day to the first Wednesday of the month. Mark O'Hare seconded that motion. It was voted on and approved.

Craig McEwan announced that on July 21st, he would be giving a presentation and talk The Siberian Doughboys of the Borderlands.

President Lane announced that the next committee meetings will be Wednesday, 2018, and the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 @ 3:00.



Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda S. Head, Secretary

Walter Lane, President