

10/9/18 meeting
Call to order: 6:09 pm

Present: Bruce Gwynn, Cathy Reeves, Tom Rushin, Pete Thompson, Linda Morgan, Amanda Mahon, Shara Merten
Special guest: James Burns, PhD

Absent: JP Mahon, Kathi Marcus, Betsy Gottsponer, Lenore Stuart

Annual meeting date changed to April

Friends of AHS had a meeting and they will provide \$8,000 for the Molina Block study

Officers for 2018-2019

Motion from Tom and second from Pete for Amanda Mahon to be a board member for RCC.

Motion passed

Bruce Gwynn proposed Shara Merten for President, Cathy Reeves for VP and Amanda Mahon for Secretary.

Motion from Tom and second from Linda. Motion passed.

Ag history committee (Molina Block) - need to form a committee to research history and gather objects to use for display. Cathy knows of completed research about the Quechuan and Pima contributions to agriculture in the area. Cathy's husband has done research on water. Bruce, Cathy, Donna, and Amanda will be willing to serve on the committee. APS wants to give us a generator. Bruce will ask Shirley Murdock to be involved.

Garden Talks - Yanna has a gardener who would like to speak about native plants and do a hands on garden talk. Bruce wants to recommend Rosalie Crowe, she wrote an intro to a book.

Desert Tours - JP agreed to do the desert tours again this year. We will try to do three tours this year that are different from the tours done last year.

Thirsty Thursday - the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff has a great collection of Native American. From Memorial Day to Labor Day they have wine and beer for sale in the museum and someone supplying food. They had artists doing demonstrations and a musician. They charge \$6.00 for non-members and members are free. The event creates interest for the museum. We should try this as a two-hour event to see if we can increase membership.

Christmas Reception - usually the second Tuesday in December

AHS VP of guest experience - Exhibit is opening tomorrow night. 80 people have RSVPd to attend. The Garden Cafe will provide food. Museum has a liquor license and the mobile payment technology arrived today to use tomorrow night. Tour schedule distributed. Received approval to hire someone 25 hours a week at \$14.00/hr to help at the museum with weddings and tours.

National Heritage Area update - New executive director has been there for 90 days, he's trying to get out into the community. Taking a new look at marketing materials and rebranding. Two

state parks are being marketed as one package. Board will make \$7,150 available after January 1, 2019 for the Molina Block stabilization. The new director wants to work on youth engagement. The board might be interested in funding youth events for the historical society in the future.

James Burns made a presentation about changes to the Arizona Historical Society. Yanna will continue to be the liaison. James will come to town 2 or 3 times a year for our most important events. The local chapter will get more resources with the changes. Reorganization includes realigning to allow people to use their strengths for collections, finance, exhibits, etc. One goal is to create a statewide identity for AHS, without eliminating local identities. Yanna will get help with things that can be done remotely. In future Yanna won't have to go out of town to pick up exhibits, James thinks that exhibits will be brought to Yuma for her. Now Yuma has a dedicated facilities person, he is in charge of facilities across the state. If something small goes wrong, Yanna can take care of it, but if there's a big problem, someone else will take care of it. AHS plans to do a capital campaign to raise money for the entire state.

Adjourned at 7:24