

Arizona Historical Society
Rio Colorado Chapter
June 13th 2017
Sanguinetti House Museum and Gardens
Yuma, Arizona

Members present

Rachel Stallworth
Cathy Reeves
Pete Thompson
Bruce Gwynn
Betsy Gottsponer
Tom Rushin
Linda Morgan
Lenore Stuart
Shara Merten

Members Absent

Pete Thompson
Cecilia Young

Staff present

Yanna Kruse

Guests

None

Decisions taken at the meeting

None taken.

- 1. Called to order** - President Bruce Gwynn called the meeting at 5:35p.m..
- 2. Roll Call** – A quorum was declared.

3. Call to public – none

4. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of May 16th were moved as presented by Kathi Marcus and 2nd by Shara Merten. Approved by voice vote.

5. President's Report –Bruce Gwynn introduced the 2 new members, Linda Morgan and Lenore Stuart. There was an explanation of the YCHS Board and the RCC Board. Bruce is planning 4-5 desert tours this coming season. There will also be a series of Garden Talks this coming season as well.

No AHS report.

Two Yuma residents have been appointed to the AHS Board- Lorna Brooks and Bruce Gwynn. The AHS Board meets 6 times per year.

The AHS Board will be selecting the new CEO starting June 30th.

6. Financial Report- None

7. Director Report- Museum Director Yanna Kruse reported:

The museum received a grant from the Arizona Community Foundation for the Summer Camp Program last year. This year, the museum's summer camp program was self-sustaining.

The Molina Block has been cleaned up, making room for more storage.

The new exhibit will open October 13, 2017. The exhibit was named *River Lore- Tales from the Narrows*. The exhibit will focus on life on and along the Colorado River during the steamboat era in Yuma.

Working on increasing the number of school students being exposed to the museum. Worked on a recent student tour in conjunction with Tammy Snook of the Colorado River State Historic Park.

The museum is currently closed to the public with administration hours from 10:00 to 3:00 Monday -Friday.

Facility prices have been updated (increased).

8. Slate of Officers

President- Bruce Gwynn

Vice President- Shara Merten

Secretary- Kathi Marcus

Tom Rushin made a motion to accept the slate with Betsy Gottsponer with a second. The vote was favorable.

President Bruce reported on the Joint Marketing project between the Colorado River State Historical Park and the Heritage Area.

One marketing suggestion was to provide a year pass to all who were members.

9. Heritage Update: Yanna Kruse reported they are in the process of a Strategic Planning Mode and organizing priorities. Charlie Flynn will be retiring soon so there will be a national search for the new incoming director.

10. The meeting was closed in due form by President Bruce.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Recording Secretary - Cathy Reeves