

AHS Rio Colorado Chapter

Meeting Minutes for 9-12-17

The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Gwynn at 6:10 p.m.

Roll Call was performed by Secretary Kathi Marcus. A quorum was met with attendance by Rachel Stallworth, Bruce Gwynn, Kathi Marcus, Pete Thompson, Betsy Gottsponer, Tom Rushin, Linda Morgan, JP Mahon, and Lenore Stewart.

President Gwynn did the Call to the Public with no response.

The Minutes were approved for the June 13, 2017 meeting - unanimous vote.

Presidents Report: President Gwynn discussed the possible AHS Chapter Model and distributed hand written versions for the members to review and discuss in the October meeting. The overall goal is to reduce/eliminate the administrative burden and bureaucracy associated with the current model; provide flexibility for each chapter area; and add value to the AHS. Included in the handout was a list of Community Support Teams (Committees). He also reported the State would need to change the By-Laws and the new Chapter Board would follow that. AHS President, George Flores asked for the new role of the Chapter to be reviewed and voted on in October.

AHS Representative Report: President Gwynn reported that Anne Woosley retired and 6 members of AHS formed a hiring/search committee to replace her. They are utilizing a search firm for about \$40,000 and Bill Ponder will serve as the Interim Director until her position is filled. Mr. Ponder is interested in helping us with our Museum and will be here for the board meeting in October to look at the properties.

President Gwynn reported that Friends of AHS will provide us with "restricted funds" of \$8,000 for the Mural expense. He also informed the members that YCHS has funds in our bank account that could go to Friends of AHS as a gesture and that we would get it back \$ for \$ upon our request.

President Gwynn reported that Lorna Brooks made us some money on a piano that was ours but in Tucson's (AHS) basement. They will sell it to the Chickering Foundation and the proceeds will be distributed to both (Yuma and Tucson) to put in restricted funds for Collection Management.

Museum Director Report: Yanna Kruse reported that the Private Exhibit Opening of the Sanguinetti House Museum and Gardens will be on Friday, October 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. It is called "River Lore - Tales from the Narrows". Invitations were sent to all members and there is an Exhibit Sponsorship Opportunity of \$500 if anyone is interested in providing funds. Tina Clark is working on exhibits of the River. The Museum will re-open for business on Wednesday, October 18, 2017. The following Grants have been written to request funds, which YCHS will need to match if approved: *Artist Unite for History Project*, National Endowment for the Arts, \$22,000 grant proposal submitted for historic mural project at Molina Block; *The Gentle Gardner Project*, Arizona Community Foundation, \$7,900 grant proposal for part-time gardener to support Cathy Reeves and care for the Gardens; *Victorian Path Light Proposal*, Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area, \$1,500 proposal to be submitted for decorative path lighting at the Molina Block; *Facility Improvement Proposal*, presented to AHS by Cathy Reeves and Bruce Gwynn,

\$45,000 in improvements submitted to the State of Arizona for FY 2019. Bill Ponder will be here to look, but approval is still pending. Yanna also discussed Facility Rental opportunities as follows: Event Support by Amy Penny; Expanded Venue Options: Sanguinetti Gardens, Chateau, Chocolate Shoppe, Period Rooms, Molina Block, Sanguinetti House and Molina Block combined. Yanna discussed the following planned programs:

- a. Museum Tours: \$6/\$5 for Seniors
 - i. Hourly Tours by Storytellers
 - ii. Self Guided Tours
- b. Group tour Add-on Options:
 - i. Tour of Sanguinetti House and Candle Dipping \$10
 - ii. Tour of Sanguinetti House and Ice Cream in Tea Cups \$10
- c. Garden Talks & Tea
- d. Historic Yuma Walking Tours
- e. Ghost Trolley Tours and Historic Downtown Trolley tours
- f. Haunted History Pub Crawl
- g. Cream Tea & History (new)
- h. Student Tours with hands-on activity
- i. Day at the Museum Summer Camp

Yanna respectfully presented a request for funds from YCHS to fund two upcoming events:

Exhibit Opening Ceremony & Reception, \$2,229

AHS State Board Meeting, \$411

Discussion and/or action items

Proposal for the Exhibit Opening Reception funding was taken to vote and approved by Bruce Gwynn with a second by Pete Thompson.

Redondo Days Update - Bruce stated that we would get started next month (October) and further discussion will be presented at the next board meeting.

National Heritage Area Update Yanna Kruse reported the Yuma Territorial Prison will increase their admission fee in October 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting is on October 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kathi Marcus, Board Secretary