

Arizona Historical Society - Rio Colorado Chapter Minutes
Joint RCC and YCHS Annual Meeting
May 22, 2018

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Present: Cathy Reeves, Pete Thompson, Bruce Gwynn, Betsy Gottsponer,
Tom Rushin, Lenore Stuart, Linda Morgan, Shara Merten, Cecilia Young

Absent: Kathi Marcus, Amanda Mahon, JP Mahon

1. The Joint Annual Meeting of the RCC Chapter and Yuma County Historical Society was called to order by RCC Chapter President, Bruce Gwynn at 6:20pm.

2. Call to the Public - no response

3. Motion to approve May 9, 2017 minutes as submitted Tom Rushin, second by Tom Hurt, approved as submitted.

4. Presidents Remarks - Bruce Gwynn described accomplishments of past year, highlighting the new series of historic tours through Yuma's desert lands, organized by JP Mahon and Tom Hurt.

Master Gardener, Cathy Reeves was recognized for her dedicated efforts to the ongoing beautification of the Sanguinetti gardens. President Gwynn thanked all in attendance for support of the annual Redondo Days Dinner and Auction fundraiser benefiting the AHS Sanguinetti House Museum and Molina Block properties.

5. Sanguinetti House Museum Director's Remarks - Yanna Kruse, Rio Colorado Division Director described modern-day views surrounding expectations for guest experiences when visiting cultural organizations.

6. Financial Report - Mike Pancrazi, Treasurer of the Yuma County Historical Society, presented the YCHS financial report. No questions or comments.

7. Yuma County Historical Society Comments - YCHS President, Tom Hurt recognized cooperative efforts between YCHS and RCC Boards for the coordination of the 2018 Redondo Days Dinner and Auction Fundraiser.

8. Special Presentation by W. James Burns, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Arizona Historical Society - Dr. Burns presented his vision for the Arizona Historical Society. Dr. Burns thanked the Yuma community for its enthusiastic support of the AHS Sanguinetti House Museum and Molina Block properties in Yuma. Opportunities for funding through endowments and coordinated fundraising efforts were described. Dr. Burns described AHS plans to invest additional resources in Yuma facilities.

9. Report for Nominating Committee, by President Bruce Gwynn.
President Gwynn presented the slate of new RCC Chapter Board members.

New Board Members:

Bruce Gwynn, member
Cecelia Young, member
Cathy Reeves, member

10. Motion to approve new Board members as submitted Mike Pancrazi, second by Tom Rush, approved as submitted.

11. Announcements - none

12. Adjournment at 6:55pm