

Arizona Historical Society  
Rio Colorado Chapter  
May 9, 2017  
Annual Meeting  
Sanguinetti House Museum and Gardens  
Yuma, Arizona 85364

**Members Present**

Rachel Stallworth  
Cathy Reeves  
Pete Thompson  
Bruce Gwynn  
Betsy Gottsponer  
Cecilia Young  
Tom Rushin

Staff Present

Yanna Kruse  
Jean Tureaud  
Evy Limones

Guests

Ann Harrison  
Ramona Goff  
Mike Pancrazi  
Donna Johnson  
Ted Johnson  
AHS Members

**Members Absent**

Kathi Marcus  
Shara Merten

Decisions taken at the meeting

None taken.

Called to order - President Bruce Gwynn called the meeting at 7:40pm following YCHS meeting.

Roll Call – A quorum was declared.

Call to public – None

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of October 7, 2015 were tabled until the next meeting. Moved by Gottsponer and seconded by Gwynn.

President's Report – Bruce Gwynn reported that the AHS Sunset Review was authorized for another 10 years. The Governor appointed State Board has two Yuma representatives. The Garden Fund is now at \$14,000 thanks to Norman Sanguinetti's ongoing support. Fred Jones, a civilian at Yuma Proving Grounds, generously donated \$25,000 to YCHS.

Financial Report- Currently there is \$65,000 in the YCHS Account.

Director Report- Yanna Kruse reported that the first wedding at the Molina Block was a success. The Sanguinetti Chocolate Shoppe is doing business. Trolley Tours are typically filled and Walking Tours are being attended regularly. New signage in Yuma's downtown district now advertises the museum and gardens. The museum's lawn is healthy thanks to the assistance/direction with the City of Yuma. Summer Camp will be hosted again this summer. AHS collections continue to be documented and organized thanks to Pete Thompson and Cecilia Young. The new exhibit coming out in October, 2017 will evolve around Captain Jack Mellon.

Bent Spitoon Award Presentation- President Gwynn presented the honorary award to Cathy Reeves for her dedication to the beautification of E.F. Sanguinetti's Gardens.

History Note Presentation- "She Left Her Mark on Yuma," presented by Laurie Boone, Special Collections Librarian

Report of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee offered the names of possible new directors or the renewing of terms for exiting directors to take place June 13th at the regular meeting. Voting and directors for the 2017-2018 year will be decided at the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

The regular monthly meetings will begin on September 12, 2017, the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm at the Sanguinetti House Museum.

Recording Secretary- Cathy Reeves