

**Arizona Historical Society
Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting
April 2, 2019**

Present: Bill Cavaliere, Yvonne Clay, Betty Cook, Mary Flynn (Pathfinder representative), Ron Green, Linda Head, Jeff Horwitz, Walter Lane, Craig McEwan, Mark O'Hare, Jim Sell, Bob Vint, Susanne Walsh, and Ralph Wong

Absent: Elaine Becherer, Shirley Pinkerton, and Frank Ratey (Los Amigos representative)

Staff Present: Bill Ponder (Chief Administrative Officer) and David Turpie (Vice-President of Exhibitions and Publications)

Guests Present: David Faust

Call to Order

President Ron Green called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the January 8, 2019 Chapter Board Meeting was unanimously approved after a motion from Bill Cavaliere and seconded by Bob Vint.

USAM 21161 Fund Report

There was no Treasurer's Report. Bill Ponder did state that our Chapter membership funds are healthy.

President's Report

President Ron Green reported that we have been having discussions about where the Southern Chapter is headed. We will be having further discussions.

New Business

The first item under new business was the discussion and action, if any, on funding requests for (USAM 21161).

The next item under new business was discussion and action, if any, on the role and activities of the Southern Chapter Board of Directors. After a lengthy discussion, Linda Head moved that this discussion be tabled until our next meeting so that we can find the latest State Board approved Bylaws. Craig McEwan seconded that motion. It was voted on and unanimously Mary Flynn volunteered to locate those approved Bylaws.

The third item under new business was discussion and action, if any, on a recommendation to the State Board of a new member representing the Southern Chapter. Jeff Horwitz is terming off this year. President Green stated that Bob Vint has withdrawn his name from consideration for the present time. Elaine Becherer has not yet committed to applying for that position. President Green voiced his concern that we act quickly to meet the deadline. Jim Sell stated that he would consider serving on the State Board. Linda Head moved that we provide a letter of support for Jim Sell appointment to the State Board. Ron Green said that he would follow up with Elaine Becherer to find out where she stands on willingness to serve on the State Board. He also said he would provide Jim Sell with all the information he would need to serve on the Board. The motion was seconded by Mark O'hare, and unanimously approved. Jeff Horwitz, our current Chapter Representative, offered to extend his time on the Board, if allowed, through August, to make sure we are represented while the new appointee goes through the process of being approved for the Board.

Old Business

The first item under Old Business was a discussion and action, if any, on the special committee formed to reach out to the County and City for dialogue regarding directing the future of the Ft. Lowell Museum and the Downtown Museum. Mark O'hare stated that he was on that committee with Elaine Becherer. He stated that they had not had time to meet so he did not have anything to report. President Ron Green invited our guest, David Faust, to speak to this item. He stated that he had worked for AHS for 35 years and had been involved in opening those branch museums. He offered to provide any assistance and ideas he could to the committee and the Chapter. He provided great detail with regard to designing exhibits, programming, and the actual buildings themselves. He stated that he felt that both of these museums are very cost effective and provided detail and examples to support that with regard to both museums. He urged the Board to give both museums an opportunity to thrive. David Faust was asked to be a resource for the committee if he would be willing and was asked for contact information. The Board felt his comments and willingness to be a resource will greatly assist the Board on this issue.

The second topic of discussion and action, if any, was regarding the proposed letter to the Governor. That item was also tabled.

Call to the Public

The comments from the public were provided in the discussion of the Ft. Lowell and Downtown Museums.

Announcements

President Green asked David Turpie to make a few announcements. He gave us a few updates. The Resilience Exhibit is opening April 18th. He provided detail about the Exhibit and its components. He stated that an offer had been extended to one applicant for the Educator position. Interviews for the new curator are being planned and will begin this week or next week. That person hopefully will be in the building within the next two

months. The curator of exhibits position has not been publicized yet, but the plan is to have that person hired by end of June or early July. Dr. Turpie also stated they we are welcome to come to the third floor to meet with him, as well as to set up appointments or make calls. He provided his card with contact information.

President Green announced that the next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 @ 3:00.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda S. Head, Secretary

Ron Green, President

