

**Arizona Historical Society  
Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting  
July 9, 2019**

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

**Absent:** none

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

Guests Present: Vicki Schwager, President, Los Amigos

**Call to Order**

President Ron Green called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

*A brief recess of the Chapter Board Meeting was called to allow Bob Vint to present preliminary designs for the courtyard renovation, which is a project of the Friends of Arizona History, Inc. Bob will not be able to attend that meeting which is held just after this meeting. The presentation will be discussed in the Friends of Arizona History Board meeting beginning at the end of this Chapter meeting.*

**Approval of Board Minutes**

The minutes of the April 2, 2019 Chapter Board Meeting and the July 3, 2019 Special Board Meeting was unanimously approved after a motion from Walter Lane and seconded by Susanne Walsh.

**USAM 21161 Fund Report**

Treasurer Shirley Pinkerton stated that at the current time we have \$28,515.00. Conversation was held regarding how requests for that money be made from staff. Walter Lane moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Elaine Becherer seconded the motion. It was then voted on and passed unanimously. Discussion was held regarding creating a template/form to help provide guidance for requests for membership funds.

**President's Report**

No report.

## **New Business**

- The first item under new business was the discussion and action, if any, on funding requests for (USAM 21161). More discussion was held on creating a template/form to help provide guidance for requests for membership funds. Elaine Becherer suggested that Jim Sell put together a form to include justification, scope, cost, timeline and anticipated completion. Jim agreed to do that and share with the Board members prior to the next meeting. David Turpie could use the unimproved version for his needs. We will review and approve form at the next meeting.
- The next item under new business was discussion and action, if any, on the new membership brochure. Mark O'Hare had requested that this item be placed on the agenda. Mark stated that he felt very uncomfortable and offended by some of the language on that brochure. The single quote filling one panel of that brochure states, "HISTORY IS NOT ABOUT THE PAST; IT IS ABOUT THE ARGUMENTS WE HAVE ABOUT THE PAST. AND BECAUSE IT IS ABOUT ARGUMENTS THAT WE HAVE IT IS ABOUT US." (-Ira Berlin). Mark stated that this does not represent at all his or other's views of the Historical Society, the Museum or history. He feels we need to promote community not arguments and divisiveness. Several other Board members felt the same. Mark was greatly troubled by this and offended. Mark's comments were passed on to Central Administration and it appears that that brochure has been removed and replaced with a newer version minus the quote. Craig McEwan moved that we submit a letter to the State Board asking for input on the language on brochures so that this type of thing doesn't happen again. Bill Cavaliere seconded the motion. It was agreed to table that motion until a further meeting.
- 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. Jim Sell is the Board's choice for representing the Southern Chapter. Jim stated that he has not heard anything yet from the Governor's office. Jeff Horwitz talked about the slow process.
- The final order of business was the discussion and action, if any, on the creation of a Policy Committee for the purpose of assisting in creating possible policy to be considered by the AHS State Board. Because of conversations with President Voie Coy at our work session, one of the areas that we can provide ideas and help our Chapter is in the area of proposing policies to create a better AHS. Mary Flynn, Bill Cavaliere, Linda Head and Vicki Schwager (President of Los Amigos) volunteered. Linda Head volunteered to chair the committee and also will invite Sandy Chan (another member of Los Amigos). Jim Sell volunteered to help as he is able. It was decided that we would meet informally, not establishing a formal committee at this time. No action was required.

## **Call to the Public**

No comments.

## **Announcements**

President Green asked David Turpie to make a few announcements. David introduced Jaynie Adams, the new Museum Educator. Ms. Adams gave us a brief background and outlined her priorities moving forward. David

also announced that the Museum Curator position is almost filled and will be announced soon. David Turpie introduced a list of some areas that could use support. He also presented a diagram of Museum layout to unify the presentation of Arizona history.

President Green announced that the next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 @ 3:00. This will also be the Annual Chapter meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda S. Head, Secretary

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Ron Green, President

