

**February 11, 2020**

## **RCC Minutes**

### **Rio Colorado Chapter Board of Directors**

Present: Shara Whitehead, Pete Thompson, Cathy Reeves, Tom Rushin, Bruce Gwynn, Betsy Gotsponer, Linda Morgan

Absent: Kathi Marcus, Amanda Mahon, JP Mahon, Lenore Stuart, Cecilia Young

Call to Order: 6:35pm

Call to the Public: None

Approval of Minutes: Linda Morgan moved to approved minutes from the January 14, 2020 meeting. Tom Rushin seconded. Approved unanimously.

Remarks by Shara Whitehead, RCC President: Shara Whitehead thanked all who supported the Redondo Day Dinner and Auction. All were praised for their amazing show of hard work and teamwork while planning and executing the event. Shara commented that only a few people left when the live auction began, indicating guests were enjoying themselves that evening.

Linda Morgan stated there were still concerns about the audio system, likely caused by poor acoustics in the tent. She commented that the evening flowed nicely and that the Redondo Dinner and Auction could be considered, Yuma's Best Event!

Discussion and/or Action:

Bruce Gwynn announced early stage consideration by the Friends of AHS to create a formal 501c3 Plan that serves all AHS support groups across the state. This plan is only in the concept stage. If approved and implemented, this would serve as an umbrella entity, providing bookkeeping and legal assistance to all support groups. Bruce reinforced that this is an idea for future consideration.

Shara Whitehead announced two new committees:

Garden Committee: Donna Johnson will serve as head of the Garden Committee, supporting Sanguinetti House Museum and Molina Block garden spaces.

Fund Development Committee: Tom Rushin, Kathi Marcus and Rachel Stallworth will lead the new Fund Development Committee. All fundraising proposals will be presented to the committee for review, with formal committee recommendations presented to the YCHS Board of Directors for further review and action. The committee will collaborate with the AHS office to make sure the committee and AHS are on parallel paths. The goal of the committee is to approach fundraising in a unified way.

Yanna Kruse offered statements of thanks to all who invested time and energy into the Redondo Days Dinner and Auction event, stating that this event is deeply appreciated by the Arizona Historical Society and serves as a model for other support groups.

Museum program highlights were offered along with a request for support securing presenters for garden talks. Tom Hurt suggested Faron Owl from San Pasqual High School, representing the Quechan Indian Tribe.

Yanna stated that daily storyteller tours at the Sanguinetti House Museum are well attended and receiving extremely favorable reviews from visitors.

Announcements: A statement was made that Lenore Stuart suggested that the Board should consider moving meetings to the Heritage Library, where the AHS Archive is located, to remain connected to history and the museum. Linda Morgan suggested the board room in the Old City Hall building as another site option.

Adjourned at 7:12pm