

March 10, 2020

RCC Minutes

Rio Colorado Chapter Board of Directors

Present: Shara Whitehead, Pete Thompson, Tom Rushin, Bruce Gwynn, Emilia Cortez, Betsy Gottsponer, Kathi Marcus

Absent: JP Mahon, Lenore Stuart, Cecilia Young, Cathy Reeves, Linda Morgan

Call to Order: 6:06pm

Call to the Public: None

Approval of Minutes: Kathi Marcus moved to approved minutes from the February 11, 2020 meeting. Tom Rushin seconded. Approved unanimously.

Remarks by Shara Whitehead, RCC President:

- Thanked Kathi Marcus for chairing the Gift Shop Oversight Committee. Discussed potential dates for a Vintage and Vino (sidewalk sale) to sell YCHS merchandise stored in the Molina Block. Event names were considered.

Discussion and/or Action:

- Stated Gift Shop Oversight Committee chair, Kathi Marcus, will develop a business plan for the Jack Mellon Mercantile.
- Read a Garden Management Report from committee chair, Donna Johnson. Yanna Kruse commented that the work of this committee is making a beautiful difference at the Sanguinetti House.
- Met with James Burns and Mel Davis of AHS regarding volunteer training for Board members, required by the State of Arizona.
- Discussed YCHS/RCC Joint Annual Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, May 12 at 6pm at the Sanguinetti House Museum.
 1. Meal will be provided by El Charo Restaurant again this year at \$10 per person. (Special request from Shara for cilantro salsa!)
 2. Tom Hurt will ask Faron Owl to serve as guest speaker.
 3. Shara Whitehead appointed Kathi Marcus as chair of Nominating Committee.
Individuals up for re-election:
YCHS Board: Bruce Gwynn, Tiffany Ott, Gowan Deckey
RCC Board: Betsy Gottsponer, Tom Rushin, Pete Thompson, Linda Morgan, Lenore Stuart
 4. Tina Clark will receive special recognition at the Annual Meeting.

Directors Report:

- Yanna Kruse updated Board on AHS management changes, due to opportunities for promotion at other cultural organizations.
- Bruce Gwynn suggested recognizing exiting VP of Library and Archives, Susan Irwin, at the annual meeting to show appreciation for her contributions to the AHS Archive at the Heritage Library. Yanna will contact to see if she will be able to attend.

Yuma Crossing National Heritage Update:

- Emilia Cortez stated that the Heritage Area hired an outreach educator to focus on school education, but the new hire had to resign. Position will be reopened. Lowell Perry met with legislators to advocate for bills supporting Heritage Areas. The Yuma Crossing National Heritage is focusing on inclusion and diversity, and has organized a Hispanic Committee with the goal of including stories of different nationalities in the park.

Topics for Future Consideration:

- Betsy Gottsponer stated that Special Collections Librarian, Laurie Boone, is organizing a Centennial event. Character reenactors will be need. Bruce Gwynn volunteered.

Adjourned at 7:12pm