Arizona Historical Society
Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting
March 2, 2021

Present: Bill Cavaliere, Yvonne Clay, Craig McEwan, Jim Sell, and Bob Vint

Absent: Brook Grobosky, Mark O’Hare, and Ralph Wong

Staff Present: Bill Ponder (Chief Administrative Officer), Kim Bittrich (Vice President of Finance and Operations) and Melba Davis (HR/Procurement Officer)

Guests Present: James Snitzer, Arizona Historical Society Board Member, Betty Cook, and Linda Head

Call to Order

Acting President, Bob Vint called the meeting to order at 3:26 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 Bob Vint and a second by Craig McEwan.

USAM 21161 Fund Report

Kim Bittrich stated that there is $32,882.15 in the SAC account. She also stated that those funds will need to be spent by the end of June, or they will revert back to the Society. Jim Snitzer spoke to the decision of the State Board to change the policy of returning a portion of membership funds to the Chapters where those members reside. Jim Snitzer and Bill Ponder discussed the changes in policies as to the Chapters.

President’s Report

There was no President’s Report.

Southern Arizona Chapter Needs Presentation

This topic was Item #5 on the agenda. Bill Ponder made a presentation to the Board regarding the use of the balance of funds in our USAM 211661 account. Craig McEwan moved that we immediately fund the installation of new gutters on the Otero Porch. The motion was seconded by Yvonne Clay. It was unanimously approved. The SAC Board decided that the balance of the items on the list will be voted on at the next meeting.
New Business

The first item under new business was the discussion and action, if any, as reported by Yvonne Clay, on the concerns of Los Descendientes regarding the Sosa-Carrillo House. Yvonne presented a letter written by the President of Los Descendientes in which he outlined needed repairs on the Sosa-Carrillo House. President Bob Vint requested that Yvonne go back to the organization and work with AHS to come up with more accurate estimates—job bids—for the project costs estimated in the letter. This will be presented at the next meeting.

The next item under new business was discussion and action, if any, on additional projects and funding needs of the Southern Chapter. This item was addressed in the previous discussion and action regarding the spending of Chapter funds.

Old Business

The first item was a discussion and action, if any, on the appointment of Jim Sell to the State AHS Board. Jim Snitzer offered some insight into the Governor’s appointments process.

The second topic of discussion and action, if any, was regarding the future activities of the Southern Chapter Board. Bob Vint requested that we elect a full slate of officers. The members decided to have a list of candidates prepared for an upcoming set of elections at the next meeting.

Call to the Public

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

Announcements

Craig McEwan announced that his “History of the Chili Pepper, Parts I and II” have been published in the Cochise Historical Society Journal. Craig stated that anyone can email him for a copy of those Journal issues. Bob Vint announced that the next meeting will be April 15, 2021.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig McEwan, acting Secretary