

Silver City Museum Board and Silver City Museum Society

Joint Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 15, 2010

5:30pm at the Museum Annex

Present: Sandra Hicks, Norm Ruebush (left early), Judy Ward, Della Acosta-Nañez, Tom Hines, Mary Ann Buckley, Karen Carr, Cherie Salmon, Jim Kelly (left early), Liz Mikols, Pam Weber, Theresa Strottman, Susan Berry.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Sandra Hicks at 5:30

Regular Business

Minutes of the last joint board meeting (2/18/10): Minutes of the February 19, 2009 minutes were approved, Tom moved and Judy seconded. Unanimous.

Financial Report: No formal financial report. Mary Ann gave an abbreviated store report. Sales per visitor for March were up from the same month in 2009.

Director's Report: Susan had e-mailed a report. There were a couple of minor questions.

Susan's retirement announcement was a difficult decision but she is happy with it. She realizes that after her last day, July 3rd, she will be very 'scarce'. The town manager has agreed that we will hire an interim director. Work is underway to hire an interim person. Tom and Sandy and Susan put together the RFP. They are optimistic that the person will be here fairly close to July 5th.

Art Wolfe will be involved in preparing for the transition. He'll do a survey of staff, boards and volunteers and then will work up a plan including a decision matrix, and a list of things to expect. He'll be here the week of May 17th.

Susan is receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from the State Historic Preservation Society. She will be working hard to get as much of her 'knowledge' documented as possible with all of the different committees. She's working on an updated 'timeline' presentation (the small room in the middle of the museum).

Committee Reports

Building: No report

Membership: The committee doesn't have a chair anymore but is still meeting and has accomplished quite a bit. There will be a table at Earth Day to recruit members. Brown Bag lunch on Monday with Jim Kelly was a huge success. 31 attended and over half were non-members. The next Brown Bag will be on May 11th with "Doc Campbell". The next committee meeting will be on May 18th.

Fundraising: Mary Anne distributed a ‘naming policy’. The committee met with Mary Newkirk about fundraising. They will also meet Joan Kuyper (with SCORE) in Las Cruces about fundraising. Both boards should be involved in naming various properties. Pricing is still under development. They are working on the “K” statement. Small dinner parties might be a way to cultivate donors. The board needs to be more aware and involved in fundraising. There were various comments and ideas about the naming policy document. Both of the ‘consultants’ might be asked to come in and do board training. Karen moved to approve the naming policy, Pam seconded. Vote was unanimous.

MCHS Update: Karen distributed a report. Includes Rules of Behavior for Visitors and a MCHS Brief for board members. Both tell the basics of the property and will be available to everyone. Karen hopes that these policies can be voted on at the May meeting.

Roof bids have been obtained. The ‘under’ roof is in good condition. Chimney needs a little work. Porch can be saved/stabilized. Bids have been obtained from Sun Bear, Hotchkiss and Mastercraft. We have \$9000, Karen is donating \$5000. Karen will present finalized bids at the May meeting and we will vote.

There is Mother’s Day event on May 9th. Local businesses are supporting the event with donations. There will be food, music, exhibits, presentations, items to buy, etc.

Jim Kelly has resigned from the committee and Karen wonders if there is anyone else who would want to serve on the committee.

G.O.H.I.O. Report: Liz asked that all of the board members look closely at the G.O.H.I.O. report and stay on top of timeframes and dates.

Old Business

Photo Use Policy: Karen recommends that we sell the usage of the museum photo images. Need a policy for digitizing images and starting to make money off of them. Since 5000 of the 17,000 are already digitized, we should start making those available.

Other Business

Ice Cream Social: Meeting set for April 21st for brainstorming.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.