

Silver City Museum Board and Silver City Museum Society – Joint Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 5:15 at the Museum Annex

Present: Tom Hines, Cherie Salmon, Ron Henderson, Marcia Stout, Pat Morrissey, Mary Ann Buckley, Della Nanez-Acosta, Jay Smith, Liz Mikols, Pauline Gomez, Judy Ward, Norman Ruebush, Mary Hotvedt and Lucy Whitmarsh Guest: Jackie Frank

Meeting called to order at 5:15 by President Tom Hines

New Business – Victorian Christmas – Barbara and Jessa presented the plans for Victorian Christmas that will include activities for children at the Museum Annex. The children's activities are a new addition to the annual event. A sign-up sheet for volunteers for the event was circulated.

Regular Business – Minutes of the September 9, 2010 Joint Board Meeting were distributed. Judy moved that the minutes be accepted. Norm seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Interim Director Report – Update on Museum – The number of visitors is down. More education outreach needs to be done to bring more visitors to the museum.

Director Search Process – Thirty one applications were reviewed with the help of the Town HR staff. Fourteen were eliminated who did not meet the job qualifications. The remaining seventeen were asked to submit written responses to three questions. The written response will probably narrow the applicants down to eight or ten. Those will be given a phone interview and then narrowed down again to those who will be interviewed in person. The formal interviews should be scheduled for the second or third week in January.

Society Update – Ron – looks like everything is going well with the director search. Mary Ann – need to develop a marketing group. The group could help generate public visibility. Tom – Annual Society Meeting – Saturday, November 20 at the Silver City Women's Club at 1:30.

Committee Reports – Liz – Getting Our House in Order – Membership. There will be a membership table both at the Annual Meeting and Victorian Christmas.

Fundraising – Mary Ann – Jay, Sandra and Mary are working on a letter. The museum needs to cultivate giving opportunities. People need to see a benefit to membership.

Susan Bash – Program ads and Silent Auction item collections are going well. Help is needed with set up as well as white lights and extension cords.

Other Business – Norm announced that tractors will be on display at the Farm and Ranch Museum in Las Cruces for the New Mexico Centennial in cooperation with the Silver City Museum." Norm is requesting donations to help fund getting the tractors to Las Cruces.

Mary gave the update on the Town Board. The Town Board will be meeting independently every other month in an attempt to establish an identity as a board. In December the board will be electing officers. The board will also be reviewing by-laws and policies to bring them into compliance.

At 6:30 Norm made a motion to adjourn and Ron seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Lucy Whitmarsh, Secretary Town of Silver City Museum Board