

Silver City Museum & Silver City Museum Society Boards
Joint Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 17, 2011

Present: Theresa Strottman, Pat Morrisey, Tom Hines, Mary Ann Buckley, Marcia Stout, Bob Schweiter, Liz Mikols, Melissa Brady, Ida Caffey, Robin Thomas, Ron Henderson, and Sandra Hicks

Interim Director: Jay Smith

Meeting called to order at 5:22 PM by President Sandra Hicks. Sandra asked that we go around the room for each member to introduce themselves.

Regular Business - Minutes of the November 18, 2010 Joint Board Meeting were read and Liz questioned the fundraising goal stated in the Committee Report. Liz and Theresa recommended that we delete the sentence from the minutes. Liz moved that we accept the minutes as amended, Theresa seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as amended.

Interim Director Report - Update on Museum – Jay says we need a team spirit on exhibits. Meetings need to be held with all participating.

The Hispanics in Mining exhibit was responsible for 25% of the visitors in January.

Staff is working together on exhibits and their assignments (tasks). This is a good sign. The level of cooperation is good.

Influx of new volunteers - Six or seven new with a couple going to research, a couple to collections and a couple to desk. Volunteer training helped bring them into the Museum. Volunteer culture is at an interesting timeframe. People coming in are newly retired; different from previous. We need to look at how we use volunteers. Not many interested in the front desk or handling money. Need to use volunteers in marketing & graphics. Different type of volunteer from those in the previous 25 years; therefore more training is suggested for the volunteer coordinator because of these changes.

Director Search Update – Mr. Spikes interview – Jay let staff handle how they would handle meeting with him.

The search was more exhaustive than usual for an institution of this size. The process has brought the groups from the candidates' list from 17 to 13 to 8 to 6 and to 2. Everyone agreed on which candidates to keep and which to eliminate.

There is no such thing as a perfect candidate. Will get us where we want to go. The best-fit candidates were brought to town. It is unlikely that they will stay here for 20 years, More like a 5 year stay (A museum director's average stay is 3 ½

years). Jay says the interview process makes sense. Tom is pleased with the directors search.

Next interview is the 25th of this month. Noon on Saturday 26. An email is to be sent to interviewers by 7:30 AM Saturday morning.

Society Update –

Annual fund:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Gross revenue	\$2,275	\$2,290	\$4,635

Mary Ann - Annual Fund Net Revenue is \$2,044 after printing and mailing. Susan Berry Library Fund net is \$5,164.00 Jay recommends that we use part of it as a match for a grant. Theresa agreed with the recommendation. Ron suggested that we not hoard the money. Mary Ann suggested that at a minimum, we need a plaque for the research library. Liz said it would be good to research the microfilm reader purchased by the university library.

Committee Reports - GOHIO (Get Our House In Order) – Liz thinks that this committee needs a rethinking because so far the methods are not user friendly.

Other Business -Past Perfect Software – The software has been purchased and the Staff is in training before the software is downloaded into the Museum's computers. Theresa worked with Joe Baggs in evaluating the software. She is pleased with it and feels that having everyone use it makes for more cohesion and cooperation in the workplace.

Upcoming Events – Liz announced that old members are also invited to come to the Board Training on March 16.

At approximately 6:15 PM, Theresa made a motion to adjourn and Tom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Ida Caffey, Alternate Secretary, Town of Silver City Museum Board