

SILVER CITY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

March 22, 2012

Present: Aaron Hozid, Bonita Montz, Pat Morrissey, Susan Musgrove, Norman Ruebush, Robert Schweitzer, Tracy Spikes, Lucy Whitmarsh.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:11 PM by Board President, Robert Schweitzer.

Public Input: None

Minutes of January 26, 2012: Norman Ruebush motioned that the minutes be accepted as read, Aaron Hozid seconded the motion, minutes accepted as read.

Museum Society Board Report: Pat Morrissey reported on the following:

- “Get Mugged” has sold over 100 mugs. Also received several donations.
- Tax deductibility for the Rotary Auction was discussed.
- The Society is on budget with 320 Members.
- Requested Town Board representative on the Fourth of July committee.

Directors Report: Tracy Spikes gave the Museum Director’s Report. See attached.

Committee Reports:

Education Report: See attached.

Collection Report: See attached.

Research Library: Tracy reported that the micro-film reader that the town was willing to give to the Museum was not configured correctly. He is working with Freeport-McMoRan to donate part of the cost to the Museum.

Election of Representative to Museum Society Board: Susan Musgrove nominated Aaron Hozid, Norman Roebush seconded, elected by acclamation.

Additional Board Members Needed: Two additional board members are needed. A third vacancy may be coming up. One of these members will need to be capable of being an alternate secretary. It was discussed that the Town of Silver City is running ads. Board Members were also encouraged to try to find replacements.

Norman Ruebush Issues Advisory Committee: Pat Morrissey agreed to serve on the Committee as the representative from the Society Museum Board. The committee will consist of Bonita Montz, Pat Morrissey, Susan Musgrove, Norman Roebush and Tracy Spikes. The committee will meet on April 17, 2012 at 4:30 pm at the Museum Annex. A report will be made to the Town Museum Board meeting on May 24, 2012. Motion made by Aaron Hozid, seconded by Pat Morrissey. Motion Carried.

Adjournment: Norman Roebush motioned that we adjourn the meeting, Aaron Hozid seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Submitted by: Bonita Montz, Secretary

March 2012 Education Report

Brown Bag Program

- March's Centennial Brown Bag presentation was "*Santa Rita*," and was presented by Terry Humble on Monday, March 12, 2011 at 12 noon at the Museum Annex. 51 people attended, \$1 was collected and six books were sold.
- Starting in April, all Brown Bag presentations will be held on the **first Thursday of the month at 12 noon**.
- April's Centennial Brown Bag presentation will be "***Crime and Punishment in New Mexico: Not for the Faint of Heart***" with Ardene Rickman, and will be presented on **Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 12 noon** at the Museum Annex.

Community Events

- **Approximately 60 children**, plus their parents and guardians, had a lot of fun at **Dr. Seuss First Friday** at the museum on Friday, March, 2. Activities were presented from 4-7pm, and included Build Your Own Dr. Seuss World, Make A Cat in the Hat Hat, Make Cat in the Hat finger puppets, and Make a Grinch Mask. Eileen Sullivan, Director of the Public Library, brought some craft supplies and helped out with the crafts, and Connie Downard, Ardene Rickman, and Linda Anaya also helped with the activities.
- **6 children and 5 adults** attended the **State Symbol T-Shirt Making Class** on March 3, 2012, the fourth in the museum's State Symbol Craft Class series. Children aged 4-9 attended. The next Craft Class will be the *Roadrunner Gel Print* class, which will be held Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 10 am, at the Museum Annex.
- **The Fiddling Friends** and **The Fiddle Club** held a concert in the Museum Courtyard on Saturday, March 3 at 12:15 pm.
- The museum collaborated with organizers of Women's History Month events and the Women's Parade to present three programs at the Annex in March, listed below. There will be two more Women's History Month presentations held at the Annex in April.
 - Friday, March 2 2–5 pm *Women of Dakar, Senegal* with Alexandra Todd
 - Thursday, March 8 3–4pm *A Portrait of Susan Glaspell: America's First Female Playwright* with Ann Marie Elder
 - Sunday, March 18 2–3 pm *Founding Mothers (and Daughters): Some Powerful Women from Silver City's Early Years* with Susan Berry

Book Signings

- A **Book Signing** will be presented on Saturday, March 17 at 2pm at the Museum Annex. Terry Humble and Chris Huggard will give a presentation about the book they co-authored, *Santa Rita del Cobre*.

New Mexico Ghost Play Cycle Play Reading Series

- Saturday, March 2, 2012 there was a Staged Play Reading of *Thousand Miles* by Victoria Tester, at the Museum Annex. 30 people attended.
- Next month's presentation of the New Mexico Ghost Play Cycle will be *Moccasins*, performed Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 2 pm at the Annex.

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Collection Report March 15, 2012

- Completed a Research Library Assessment: The research library has never been completely inventoried and really never brought into the Museum's collection, which is should since it is part of the museum. Meeting with Tom Hester to go over assessment and get his input on how to proceed.
- Linda Anaya will now also be helping in collections, happy to have her on board, her training will start next week.
- I will (as soon as I am trained) be putting in Collection Volunteer hours and projects they are working on in Past Perfect, this will allow the Museum to better keep track of volunteers and what they are doing.
- Jason Dunlap (volunteer) is starting a scanning project of over 1000 photographs from Joe Burgess, his father(Glenn Burgess) was a photographer and photographed the Gila and Silver City in the 50's and 1960's. This is an area that we are weak on in our photo collection.
- April 26th we will resume with our once a month day long inventories, it will be a challenge since the entire collections is still covered in plastic until we have the roof repair done. But it is exciting to start this process again. We will of course continue with our inventory almost on a daily basis, however, a lot can be accomplished in 6 hours when you have 8 people working on it at the same time.

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Director's Report

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- Mr. Richard Peterson, Regional Manager Community Development, Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. has informed me that our request for corporate sponsorship of our 2012/2013 exhibits has been approved. We should be receiving a check for \$9,500 within the next 4 to 5 weeks.
- Selection process for curator of exhibitions continues. Reposting of job announcement has a closing date of March 16.
- Barbara Nance's last day as part time volunteer coordinator was March 2, 2012. Connie Downard will be acting as interim volunteer coordinator working a Thursday through Friday part time schedule.
- Jessa and I began work with two contracted educators on the first phase of the development of the museum curriculum program for school field trip activities in fulfillment of the New Mexico Historic Preservation Department grant we received at the end of last year.
- Work continuing on process to begin construction of ADA restroom at the annex.
- Research library work continues with Tom Hester and I determining Town Hall microfilm reader will not work for our needs. Jackie Becker will be working with Tom and other research volunteers in developing a needs assessment for handling new materials donated to the library and other library needs.
- Website management has moved from private donor management of Pat Bennet to staff management and continued website design and update with Teri Matelson. Many thanks to Pat Bennet for her years of contribution and helping us to put it under one museum society umbrella.
- I was inducted as a member of Rotary.