

SILVER CITY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

July 26, 2012

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

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:16 PM by Board President, Robert Schweitzer.

Representative to Museum Society Board: Aaron Hozid expressed his desire to resign from this position. Aaron Hozid motioned that Susan Musgrove be elected to that position. Norman Ruebush seconded. Susan was elected by acclamation.

Public Input: Ronald Phair attended the meeting. He has put in an application to serve on the Silver City Museum Board.

Minutes of March 22, 2012: Susan Musgrove motioned that the minutes be accepted as read, Norman Ruebush seconded the motion, minutes accepted as read.

Museum Society Board Report: None

Directors Report: See attached.

Committee Reports:

Norman Ruebush Issue Advisory Committee: Norman felt there were errors in the committee report. He stated that the Farm and Ranch Museum does not want the engine. Bonita was directed to have Jackie Becker research who actually donated the engine to the museum. If there are actual errors in the report, the amendments will be made and resubmitted. It was motioned by Aaron Hozid and seconded by Lucy Whitmarsh that Bob Schweitzer send a request to Tracy and the Town Council, via Ann Mackie that the Museum deaccession the hot air engine so that it can be transferred away from the Museum at a later date. It was approved by all except Bonita Montz.

Written Committee Reports: It was discussed and agreed upon, that all future committee reports will be in writing. This will preserve the integrity of the report. It is requested that the reports be in bullet format and as concise as possible. Bonita will inform the Society Board of this request.

Additional Board Members Needed: We now have three vacancies. The rules allow expiring Board Members to continue to serve until a replacement is found. Lucy Whitmarsh will continue to serve under those rules. Ronald Phair has submitted his application to the Mayor's office.

Town Board and Joint Town and Society Board Meetings: A discussion was had about how many meetings the Town Board should have and how many Joint Town and Society Board meetings we should have. At a minimum, we felt that we should have Joint Board meetings before the 4th of July celebration and the Victorian Christmas celebration. We agreed that the next Town Board meeting would be September 27, 2012 and that we would have a Joint Board meeting in October, to be determined by the Society Board. We will continue to work on this. Bonita will notify the Society Board.

Adjournment: Norman Ruebush motioned that we adjourn the meeting, Susan Musgrove seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

The next meeting will be September 27, 2012.

Submitted by: Bonita Montz, Secretary

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Director's Report

- We are making headway in working with the Town Parks and Recreation department in providing needed service to the courtyard. The new landscape crew supervisor assures me that once they have completed work on Penny Park, he will begin working on our courtyard by building up a surface of dirt to cover the roots and by planting new grass that will better grow in the shade. He also will repair our sprinkler system and place chips/mulch of some sort to dress the beds. He has prior experience with working with the Phoenix Museum of Art and has a good understanding of our needs.
- Exhibitions are moving along with Flood in the process of going upstairs and Chapman going into the gallery where Flood use to be. Flood should be ready for view by this weekend and Chapman will be up for the reception by the Members opening on August 2. Tom and I will be picking up the Chapman works from Santa Fe next week.
- Goodwill Las Cruces offices are closed so our ability to have part time support from Goodwill may change. Hours have already been cut for Jesse. This, coupled with the loss of Linda Anaya, of course has an effect on many fronts. Connie will continue to line up speaking engagements with community groups in an effort to recruit more. However, should you have a group that you think may offer potential volunteer recruitment possibilities, please let Connie know who to contact to set up a time. She offers a very informative program of what the museum is doing and how volunteers, especially frontline, are needed.
- Roof work is scheduled to begin on August 6.
- My thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Ice Cream Social. It was a delightful event and extremely well managed by Connie Downard.