

El Paso de Robles Area
PIONEER MUSEUM
Board Minutes
February 11, 1999

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Bob Bryant at 7:00 p.m. at the museum. Other board members present were Jean Sudden, Bonnie Nelson, Milene Radford, Byby Root, Keith Tarwater, Les Hoffman, Paul Ernst, Steve Cichorsky, Tom Flynn, Ole Viborg and guests Gary McMaster and John Alkire.

At the invitation of our Board President, Mid-State fair manager, John Alkire, presented his fair goals and needs. He told us about the construction of Frontier Town with a western facade which will double as storage; the closing in of Commercial Building #2 which will make it possible to have skating available even though there might be other activities on the grounds; etc. John said that the fair is ideally located, although more parking is needed.

Bob provided some background information and history of the museum and told how the museum could use more space for a small schoolhouse building, etc.

John talked about the importance of the fair and the museum in working together and perhaps together tap money sources which might be available through Sacramento. It's ideal to have the fair and the museum in close proximity. It would be great if it would be possible to eventually close off Gregory Street and have an entrance along the freeway from 19th Street. If additional revenue is available, perhaps some property could be purchased and then eventually exchanged for something closer to the present facilities. John will check on revenue possibilities and report back to us by our May meeting.

- Minutes:** There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Finances:** Reports were distributed and discussed. Bonnie moved, seconded by Keith, that we buy two of Henry Twisselman's books (*Don't Get Me Started* and *Changing Times*) to have for our library. Passed. Bob presented some bills and it was moved by Jean, seconded by Bonnie, that the bills be paid. Passed.
- Reports:** Jean reported that thirty-six guests from San Jose will be coming on Feb. 27th. The Telephone Pioneers will also be here to move equipment on that same day, but it should work out.
- Maintenance:** Les has painted the door jams.
- Gift Shop:** Gary will have the January inventory finished soon.
- Outside Equipment:** Paul purchased a set of number stamps and is ready to put numbers on the equipment, but needs to know what numbers have been assigned.
- Donation:** Thanks to the surplus equipment from Hewlett Packard, Gary Smith was able to get six or seven folding tables and a book case. Steve will put the museum's name on them. A thank you letter will be sent to Gary.
- Other Business:**
- Correspondence:** A letter was received from Julie Payne of the San Simeon District Department of Parks and Recreation requesting the use of the same items which were borrowed last year for "A Day in Old San Simeon" on May 2, 1999. Permission was granted to loan them again. Byby will be the contact person.

C.A.M. Membership: Bonnie moved, seconded by Keith, that we renew our annual membership of \$35.00 in the California Association of Museums. Passed.

Shed Addition: Bob talked with Nick Gilman regarding plans. Nick said that we will probably have to install sprinklers because the rest of the buildings have sprinklers. Nick is working out the details. Ole wondered about the possibility of using steel supports instead of wood. Steel is as cheap as wood. Bob will call Nick tomorrow morning.

Roof: Hopefully it is fixed! No leaks last rain.

Blacksmith Shop: Bob hopes to have a Kiwanis work session and get the shop finished.

Attendance: 159 for January.

Community Workers: The consensus was that we would pass on community workers for now.

Books: Jean has purchased two books for the museum: one on antiques and one on typewriters. The books will be left in the office where we need to have some type of a book shelf or special place for them.

Thermostats: Nothing was resolved. Steve set them at a certain temperature, then someone else reset them. Sometimes when someone is in the museum other than regular hours, they turn on the heat and then forget to turn it off when leaving.

Flyers: Byby made up and distributed two flyers: one for rest homes and one for the real estate people. She was also appreciative of The Blueprinter on 12th Street for the great job they did in enlarging a photograph which she used with the new almond display just inside the door. The secretary will send a thank-you letter expressing appreciation for the discount they gave.

Copier: Byby reported on copiers and prices from Staples. It was moved by Byby, seconded by Paul, that we purchase a Canon copier with an automatic shut-off, and that we ask for a 25-cent donation for each copy. Passed. The copier will take up to legal size paper (8 1/2 x 14) and will enlarge and reduce. The cost is \$600, but the Staples' manager will give us \$100 off that price, plus a \$75 rebate.

Federal Surplus Personal Property Program: Steve has received an application to receive government surplus property. At least three names are needed on the application and there must be a formal vote by the board. It was moved by Jean and seconded by Steve that the following board members be listed on the application: Byby Root, Paul Ernst, Steve Cichorsky, Milene Radford and Les Hoffman. The motion passed with ten *yes* votes and zero *no* votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Milene F. Radford
Board Secretary