

El Paso de Robles Area
PIONEER MUSEUM
Board Minutes
April 8, 1999

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Bob Bryant at 7:10 p.m. at the museum with cookies served by Les Hoffman. Other board members present were Jean Sudden, Milene Radford, Byby Root, Keith Tarwater, Rod Reuting, Tom Flynn, and guests Dorothy Rogers and Gary McMaster.

Minutes: It was moved by Byby and seconded by Rod that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Passed.

Financial: The financial report for March was distributed with income in the amount of \$730.87 and expenses in the amount of \$396.16. Account balances as of 4-8-99 are \$24,940.83.

Report from Curator: The corner where the telephone display used to be located will be used for a general store/post office display.

Attendance for March: 228 visitors

Upcoming Events:

Wed., April 28: Third graders from Saint Rose Catholic School at 12:30.

Sat., May 1: Little Engine Swap Meet: Keith is handling arrangements.

Wed., May 5: Chamber of Commerce tour: Les will come and Jean will make coffee.

Tues., May 11: 80 third graders from Los Osos at 10 or 10:30.

Docents: Jean reported that some of our current docents are facing health problems and more docents will be needed. Byby will check on having some publicity and a docent request in the newspaper. Bob spoke with the Kiwanis Club members about the need for additional docents.

Tables: Les reported that Gary Smith has access to more tables, 4' to 5' long, and some chairs from Hewlett Packard..

Gift Shop: Gary McMaster reported on the inventory. He also designed a nice-looking poster to advertise the museum around town; and it was moved by Jean, seconded by Byby, that we get twenty-five more posters. The motion was passed.

Pole Building Addition: Bob reported on the progress and he has received a bid from Bruce Hansen, a licensed contractor, for \$14,700 for the structure of the building—poles, roof, etc. Frank O'Connor, who worked on the Jeanesville Pump building, submitted a price of \$9,518 for the footings, foundations, and cutting off the metal on the current building where

necessary. Ole Viborg graciously volunteered to furnish sand and fill base under the concrete. The addition can be done in phases without any problems—the poles and roof first, followed by the concrete. The concrete will be poured up to the poles. The cost will be about \$25,000 by the time the entire project is completed. Tom Flynn volunteered to remove the Italian cypress trees along the wall.

It was moved by Jean, seconded by Keith, that we proceed with the pole addition. The motion was passed.

Directed Arts Grant: Bob called both the Jamison Foundation secretary and Don Potter, the saddle maker who was interested in applying for a foundation grant through our non-profit organization. Bob requested that Don to come from Oregon to Paso Robles to meet with our board, but Don didn't feel he could afford the expense of the trip not knowing whether or not we would proceed with the application process. The grant possibility has been dropped.

Grain Drill: Jean will open the museum on Friday morning so the man who has loaned us the grain drill will be able to pick it up for a special show over the weekend.

Paso Gathering; A small group of board members met to review the exhibitor questionnaires and to bring some suggestions to the board for the next Gathering which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7:

The consensus was for the hours to be from 10:00 to 6:00 on Saturday and from 10:00 until 4:00 on Sunday. There will be a barbecue on Saturday evening, followed by entertainment. It was felt that the tractor barn doors should be closed due to the usual cold November weather and the entertainment inside the building. Byby will contact the same group to handle the barbecue this year. We'll plan for a maximum of 200 people with tickets sold at the museum on a first-come basis. Byby will contact some folks who are interested in presenting classes prior to the show. Exhibitor fees have been set at \$70 for inside space and \$50 for outside space with spaces reserved until Sept. 30th. After that date the exhibitor fee will increase \$30. Phil Tognazzini said that he would be in charge of the exhibitor selection committee.

Dorothy was asked to check on entertainment for the barbecue and she reported on some possibilities. The cost of the entertainment was a factor. Last year we budgeted \$300 for entertainment and would like to keep it the same, if possible. Dorothy has been in contact with an entertainer friend who would come for \$800. Dorothy suggested raising the price of the barbecue from \$12.00 per person to \$15.00 to make up the difference in cost. It was decided to wait until the next meeting to make a decision on the entertainment.

Dorothy was also asked to take care of getting the Paso Gathering on the Calendar of Events for appropriate magazines. Byby will take care of local publicity.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Milene F. Radford
Board Secretary

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 13, 1999