

# PIONEER MUSEUM

Board Minutes - Sept. 9, 1999

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by president Dr. Bob Bryant at 7:04 p.m. at the museum with homemade cookies served by Les Hoffman. Other board members present were Jean Sudden, Bonnie Nelson, Byby Root, Keith Tarwater, Ole Viborg, Glenn Muggelberg, Steve Cichorsky, Joyce Sommers, Gary McMaster and Milene Radford.

**Financial statements** were distributed and discussed. A check and thank you note was received by the swim club in appreciation of the use of our lot for fair parking. A bill from Bob in the amount of \$467.07 for lumber and materials for carts (for heavy display items) was approved to be paid with a motion by Byby and a second by Glen.

**Curator's Report:** Byby reported that three nice display cases have been donated to be used in the museum. Also Kachina dolls from Cyril Carol have been donated.

There were 275 visitors during August.

**Full-time Curator:** The need for and the funding of a full-time curator was discussed, but tabled due to our full agenda.

**Film Restoration:** Steve reported that he hasn't made the trip to the Los Angeles area yet, but hopes to get it done in the next thirty days.

**Picnic:** The skateboard park folks made over \$1200 through the barbecue, drawing and donations. Concern was expressed over the location of the park. It seems that it is now 65' farther toward Riverside Avenue than we thought it would be.

**Tractor Donation:** It's been recommended that we accept the tractor offered by Donna Grossnicklaus. It is a 1945 Cletrac, HG-42.

**Pioneer Day:** The Kiwanis Club wishes to hold the annual Pet Show and Cowboy and Cowgirl Contest in Pioneer Park this year *after* the parade, even though the 1999 posters won't reflect the change in time and place. They will use a trailer for a stage in the basketball court area.

**Blacksmith:** Milene will check with Mike Crouch to find out who offered to be here.

**Small engines:** Byby will call Tim Stewart to find out if they will be back in Pioneer Park this year.

**Food:** David Kudija, Cub Scout leader, is interested in providing food, but would like to be in a highly visible spot from both the north and south side.

**Rope demonstration:** Steve Mowry, a Hearst Castle guide, from Templeton is very interested in doing this similar to what he did at *A Day in San Simeon* this spring.

**Hostesses in parlor:** Jean will check with ladies to serve tea.

**Quilters:** Bonnie will check with Micki Bonde.

**Spinning wheel demonstration:** Byby will check.

**Cider making:** Milene will check.

**Butter making:** It would be neat to see the new (old) churn in the washing machine in action.

Byby will check on the possibility of cream (perhaps from Cal Poly?).

**Indoor music:** Provided by Jerry Perney.

**Tours for children:** Need three days—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Oct. 4-6. Bonnie will send flyers to various schools and handle the schedule.

**Clean up:** Jean is scheduling clean-up time and is in contact with Carla at the Boys' School.

**Corn grinding:** This will be outside this year and Jean will find someone to supervise the grinding.

**Old Timers' Gathering:** Les will open the museum on Thursday morning, Oct. 7, for the old timers.

**Building Addition Progress:** Bob wrote an updated report on the building for the next newsletter which he read. The cement floor has been poured by Frank O'Connor and the perimeter poles have

been placed. Ole Viborg donated the sand fill under the slab and will be donating the base fill to regrade the parking lot and establish the grade we need for drainage. There are some skylights available, but it was suggested that installing them in a metal building could create potential rain leaks and with one side open, it should be light enough anyway. The bill for the concrete has already been approved so it will be paid as soon as it is submitted.

**Paso Gathering:** Posters and flyers are ready to be distributed. *Help is needed by everyone* to get them distributed throughout California as soon as possible. A detailed list of information and things to be done was presented by Milene, but there wasn't time to go through it. Bonnie will order T-shirts with the new design by Phil Tognazzini. Bob will contact John Alkire at the fair regarding the use of tables and chairs. Bob suggested a special meeting to discuss the Gathering.

**Contract for Alarm Company:** Les will take care of it.

**Use of Museum:** The Shriners will hold a potluck on Sept. 14th.

**Pioneer Pages:** The fifth edition (750 books) is now off the press and ready for sale.

**Board Member Reports:**

Gary reported that book sales are down, but other items are up. He has inventoried all the insulators which were donated by Mrs. Fox. Delores Crum still has some cookbooks which we may sell if able to make connections. Gary has purchased some items to resell and had a bill in the amount of \$67.62. It was moved by Bonnie and seconded by Jean to pay the **gift shop** bill. Passed.

Glen explained that the inventory system consists of two sets of books. The blue set show the location of the items. He also discussed the R.S.V.P (Retired Seniors) who put in volunteer hours and we could have some of these volunteers. We just have to verify the number of volunteer hours.

Steve reported that Harold Biaggini said that one **ore cart** which he donated many years ago is missing. (No one could recall anything about it.) Harold will get track to display the carts properly.

Keith: **Alarm** has possibly been set off by cats in the building.

Ole missed the earlier discussion about a curator and suggested the need for a paid **curator** or at least to have someone take out the trash!

**Lighting** was discussed. Lights are needed on either side of the front of the building, and pointing towards the grassy areas.

**Twisselman books:** Need to be up off the cement floor (due to moisture). *Sorry, guys.*

**Studebaker:** Milene got the pink slip from Glen and will have it transferred to the museum which will probably cost \$10.00.

**Thank you** note needs to be sent to Gary Matthews for electrical work he has donated.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Milene*

Milene F. Radford, Board Secretary

**Next Board Meeting: Thurs., Oct. 14, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Updates for your information:**

**Studebaker:** Transferring the title cost a total of \$25 (\$15 normally, but \$10 penalty was added for not transferring it within the required ten-day grace period.)

**Pioneer Pages:** On **Monday, Oct. 4th**, Harold Franklin and Wally Ohles are scheduled to represent *The Pioneer Pages* on Sound Off on KPRL.

**Pioneer Day:** Roger Franklin is willing to demonstrate cider-making, but needs apples. Know where we can get some? Walter Post will do blacksmith demonstrations.

**Paso Gathering:** Dutch-oven cooking will be represented by Del & Colleen Andrus and they will sell coffee and cobbler.

**Alarm System:** There was a short in the wiring.