

**EL PASO DE ROBLES AREA
PIONEER MUSEUM**

P.O. Box 461 Paso Robles, CA 93447

November 13, 2003

Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by the chairman, Dr. B.R. Bryant, at 7:05 p.m. at the museum, 2010 Riverside Avenue, Paso Robles. Delicious homemade cookies by Les Hoffman were served.

Roll Call: Board members present: B.R. (Bob) Bryant, Jean Sudden, Bonnie Nelson, Milene Radford, Steve Cichorsky, Les Hoffman, Larry Radka, Byby Root, Joyce Sommers and Keith Tarwater. Jan Hansen was present to represent the Pioneer Day Committee and Phil Tognazzini was present to discuss the recent Paso Gathering.

Minutes: It was moved by Jean Sudden, seconded by Byby Root, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Passed.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: Thank you letters were received from Cuesta's theatre foundation for the use of the facilities and from the Santa Lucia Rockhounds.

Financial: Income and expenses for the previous month were discussed. There was a bill from Pro Clean of Atascadero in the amount of \$482 for cleaning the carpet on Nov. 3, a bill from Swift Tectonics for \$4500 for relocating the back-flow device and \$8.54 for 2 reams of copy paper. It was moved by Jean Sudden, seconded by Larry Radka, that the bills be paid.

Attendance: Oct. 1277 Year to Date: 2776

Old Business:

Paso Gathering, our major fund raiser was discussed. Income and expense sheets were distributed for this year and the previous year. Proceeds were down \$1600 this year. More advertising needs to be done throughout California. Sponsorship of advertisements was discussed. After 6 years Milene Radford no longer plans to serve as unofficial (*nor official*) event coordinator (letter attached).. It was moved by Jean Sudden, seconded by Joyce Sommers, that we continue with the Paso Gathering on the first weekend of November, but adequate help is needed. Passed. It was suggested that we meet in early April to plan the next Gathering.

City's First Book of Ordinances, which Karl Von Dollen purchased over the Internet, was discussed. James "Jim" App, City Manager, requested that the book be turned over to the City. (The City realized that the valuable book was missing when a photograph of Karl and the book appeared in the local newspaper stating that it would be on display at the museum during Pioneer Day. When Dr. Bryant and Byby Root took the hand-written manuscript to Mr. App on October 21, a letter accompanied the manuscript suggesting that it be kept at the library as the library staff is trained in the care and security of valuable books.

New Business:

Chamber of Commerce Mixer: At the latest Chamber Mixer a generous check was given to the Pioneer Museum from proceeds from the Agri-business tour held in May.

Dr. Bryant volunteered the museum to host the next Chamber Mixer on Wednesday, Dec. 10. Helga Bryant will help with the food and Byby will work on decorations. Clean-up is needed before the Mixer. Larry volunteered to help. Byby said that the Carvers' Guild would help. It was suggested that we recognize our volunteers at the Mixer.

Paso Robles Inn book by Annie Bowler is now available. Annie worked with Bonnie Nelson using some museum photographs for the book and she donated a copy of the book to the museum. The books sell for \$24.95 (plus tax) and are available to us at 40% off. It was agreed to get 2 cartons of 20 books each. [We will sell them for \$27.75, including tax.]

Credit Card Charge System needs to be evaluated at the end of December on whether or not to continue its use. (It isn't being used very much and we have to pay a monthly fee whether or not it is used.)

Acknowledging Donors of large donations by naming an exhibit in their name: It was felt that at this time we have too much going on to do justice to produce a major-fund raiser event needed to launch such a program

Donation memorial strips on ramp: There's a backlog of names to be put up. The computer list that's posted will have to temporarily serve the purpose until Darrell and Milene Radford can set aside a day or two to work on them.

Board positions to be filled: Byby Root, Bonnie Nelson and Keith Tarwater will serve on a committee.

Coastal Pages, North County edition, will have a free museum listing.

Evan Mason rebuilt the **Model A** grain truck and it runs. A thank-you letter needs to be sent to him.

Jail project was discussed.

California Cowboy Inventions by Ernie Morris is available for us to purchase to sell in our gift shop. It was decided to try 6 books.

Pioneer Day Committee's tractor barn: Steve Hansen, David Barlogio and Daryl Stinchfield put tractors back into it and it looks nice. It was suggested that a thank-you letter be written to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Milene Radford
Board Secretary

The next regular meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 11, 2003**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Museum, 2010 Riverside Avenue, Paso Robles.

