

**EL PASO DE ROBLES AREA  
PIONEER MUSEUM**  
P.O. Box 461 Paso Robles, CA 93447

Feb. 10, 2005

Board Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** A special meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by the chairman, Dr. B.R. Bryant, at 7:00 p.m. at the museum, 2010 Riverside Avenue, Paso Robles. Homemade cookies and fudge were served by board member Les Hoffman.

**Roll Call:** Board members present: B.R. (Bob) Bryant, Steve Cichorsky, Jean Gilman, Les Hoffman, Bonnie Nelson, Milene Radford, Larry Radka, Byby Root, Gary Smith, Joyce Sommers, Jean Sudden and liaison Pat Rambo.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** It was moved by Bonnie Nelson, seconded by Joyce Sommers, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Passed.

**Correspondence:** A group from Aptos, who will be touring the museum on Saturday, April 9, sent a \$200 donation.

**Financial:** Income and expenses for the previous month were discussed. Gift Shop income for January was \$1,441.95, which included the sale of 56 *Readin' 'Ritin' 'Rithmetic* books. The three manikins have arrived at a total cost of \$600.78, which was authorized at the January meeting. A thank-you note needs to be sent to Gary Corippo for transporting them from L.A.

Dr. Bryant had bills totaling \$921.50 (\$692.52 for the schoolhouse and \$228.98 for 25 folding chairs from Walmart). It was moved by Larry Radka, seconded by Jean Sudden, that the bills be paid. Passed.

**Attendance:** 265 Year to Date: 265

**Volunteer Hours:** 500 Year to Date: 500

**Old Business:**

**Alarm System Update:** The wire hasn't arrived yet, but should be here soon.

**Janitor Service:** Everything seemed to have been OK.

**Miscellaneous Items:** Questions were answered about the large teacher's desk (perhaps try it in the office), record player (donated to museum), marble slab (has been repaired and needs to be put up), cash register with drawers (belongs to the museum, but an inventory number couldn't be located).

**Schoolhouse:** Restoration of the ceiling is in progress. Bob Bryant reported that he has been working with a great crew: Bill Minshull, Jack Guffey, Dave Steaffens, Larry Radka, Gary Smith, Cyril Carol.

Bricks have been laid around the flagpole by a young man doing community service work. Additional brickwork was discussed, including a path leading to the Jeanesville Pump. Perhaps we could offer people an opportunity to purchase bricks and have their names in the bricks.

The clock from Geneseo School is going to be donated to the Pioneer Museum by former student Betty Johnson on Monday, February 21. Larry Radka has contacted some newspapers for publicity.

**Plans for addition to buggy barn:** Nick Gilman has been very busy so Dr. Bryant has asked Ray of the Red Pony Express to go over the plans. He plans to get them to Dr. Bryant by next Friday.

**New Business:**

**Board Member:** It was moved by Larry Radka, seconded by Byby Root, that we ask Dave Steaffens to be on the board. Passed. [All board members serve 2-year terms. They are appointed by the Board and confirmed by the City Council on July 1 of every odd year.] It was requested that in the future when names are submitted, we wait until the next meeting to vote upon them.

**Flag pole:** It was decided that the flagpole should remain on the schoolhouse. Dr. Bryant will ask roofer John Anthony to straighten it.

**Fund raiser chairman:** We need to think of someone to head up a fund-raising drive to provide funds for an expansion.

**Parking lot:** A load or two of DG will be hauled in to help the water to drain better.

**Alarm System:** Monthly reports are being sent to Gary Smith. The reports also need to be sent to the museum's computer. The alarm system is designed to handle individual code numbers so that each person turning off the alarm can have their own code. Using individual codes would provide information on who and when individuals use the alarm.

**Utilities:** It was suggested that a possible donation amount should be given to groups using the museum, which would help offset the heating bill (except for the woodcarvers who donate all ready).

**Projects:** We need to have a list of projects for community service workers to work on.

**Alarm key pad:** Steve Cichorsky will install a light over the key pad.

**Photos** of 1953-56 Pioneer Day parades have been donated by Michael Jewell.

**School book:** Harold Franklin has two speaking engagements scheduled for talking about the *Readin' 'Ritin' 'Rithmetic* schoolbook. Milene Radford talked about the book at the recent meeting of the Paso Robles Historical Society.

**A Joint Meeting of north county historical museums** was held to discuss combined promotion. Advertising in the Paso Robles Magazine seemed a good way to begin—a half-page ad shared with 6 museums would run about \$65 for one issue. It was moved by Bonnie Nelson, seconded by Larry Radka, that we spend \$65 for this. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Milene Radford, Board Secretary

[Jean Gilman volunteered to distribute Museum brochures to local motels.]

**Next meeting: Thurs., Mar. 10, 7:00 p.m.**

