

**EL PASO DE ROBLES AREA
PIONEER MUSEUM**

P.O. Box 461 Paso Robles, CA 93447

March 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.

Roll Call: Board members present: B.R. (Bob) Bryant, Steve Cichorsky, Jean Gilman, Milene Radford, Larry Radka, Byby Root, Joyce Sommers, Dave Steaffens, Jean Sudden, Keith Tarwater and Paso Robles Historical Society liaison Pat Rambo.

Guest: Melody Mullis of the California Carvers

Public Comment: None

Minutes: It was moved by Larry Radka, seconded by Jean, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Passed.

Correspondence: Notes were received from Betty Johnson, who donated the Geneseo clock to the museum on February 22. She appreciated the luncheon and the newspaper clipping of the clock presentation. Dr. Bryant suggested that we put our thank-you letters into a notebook.

Financial: Income and expenses for February were discussed. Gift shop sales were \$2,034 [compared to \$454.45 a year ago February].

Big Creek Lumber donated \$1,000 towards the schoolhouse restoration project. Dr. Bryant thanked them with a *Readin' 'Ritin' 'Rithmetic* book. Jean Gilman asked to be reimbursed for \$64.70 for supplies and a veggie tray for the luncheon on the day of the clock presentation. Steve Bryant of Chubby Chandler's donated pizza for the event (although \$40 was donated to apply to the cost of the pizza). Dr. Bryant had bills totaling \$1454.48, including \$61.10 for San Luis Paint for stain and varnish to finish the post office, \$43.49 for door hardware, etc. for schoolhouse, \$149.81 for Hayward for 2x4s and plywood for the shelves in the green room [Storage Room #1], and the other half of the redwood ceiling in the schoolhouse. It was moved by Byby Root, seconded by Joyce Sommers, that the bills be paid. Passed.

Attendance: February: 397 Year to Date: 662

Old Business:

Alarm System: Gary Smith, unable to attend due to illness, sent word that the wiring has been installed and the cameras are scheduled to be installed on March 17. He is donating a computer for the alarm system. A box will be built around the equipment on the shelf above the post office.

Schoolhouse: The crew of volunteers is working on the schoolhouse ceiling. Keith Testerman joined the work crew this week. Dr. Bryant suggested track lighting (in use at the San Antonio Mission museum). Two display cabinets are planned on each side of the entry way (where the bulletin boards are now located) with glass shelves and lights to showcase Geneseo memorabilia.

Storage addition: Ray Vidlar of Red Pony Company has worked on the plans and Dr. Bryant requested that we thank him with a school book [*Readin' 'Ritin' 'Rithmetic*]. Nick Gilman has the plans ready to submit to the City and a book will be given to him also.

Shelving in Green Room [Storage Room #1] has been installed.

Fund-raising chairman: Several names were suggested as possibilities.

Agri-business Tour will be held on Wednesday, May 4, and will begin at the museum. (Tickets for the tour will go on sale about a month prior to the event.)

Brochures: Milene Radford met with Cathy Bartley who designed an updated brochure on the history of the museum. The history brochures are usually given to interested visitors who ask about the beginnings of the museum. [On Dec. 1, 2003, we had 105 of the current history brochures reproduced, and they usually last for a couple of years.]

New Business:

The **merry-go-round**, which was removed from the city park, was discussed. There was talk on KPRL that it would fit in nicely with the schoolhouse at the museum. Although it has not been offered to the museum, it was moved by Larry Radka, seconded by Joyce Sommers, that we decline having the carousel at the Pioneer Museum. Passed.

Keys: Joyce Sommers requested that she be the one who issues all the keys.

Two large display books are needed for displaying Trail Ride photographs, as well as Geneseo photos. Steve Cichorsky has a possible donor.

Map: Larry Radka reported that Dan at Big Creek Lumber has a large map of 1874 showing schools that he is willing to donate to the museum. Milene Radford will check with Dan.

Things to Do: List items that can be performed by a community service worker or others. The list is on a yellow pad on the desk in the office.

Tires: All the tires need to be pumped up, especially the Maxwell.

Chair: A chair [in Storage Room #1] needs to be glued. Refer to Cyril Carol.

Handicapped Compliance: Bill Whitmore and Nick Gilman will check for this.

Entry Tile Donations: Jean Sudden used the newspaper to publicly thank Design Images and JR and Kathleen Rodriguez for their donations of tile and time. [Thank-you notes were mailed to them earlier.]

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Milene F. Radford
Board Secretary

Next meeting: Thurs., April 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Museum

