

**EL PASO DE ROBLES AREA
PIONEER MUSEUM**

P.O. Box 461 Paso Robles, CA 93447

April 14, 2005
Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The regular 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 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, Joyce Sommers, Dave Steaffens, Jean Sudden and liaisons Larry Eastwood and Leroy Brandon.

Guests: Paso Robles Police Chief, Dennis Cassidy, and Dr. Bryant's young grandson, Cameron Rylance.

Minutes: Pioneer Day Committee liaison Leroy Brandon's name should have been listed in the roll call. It was moved by Larry Radka, seconded by Jean Gilman, that the minutes of the March meeting be approved as corrected. Passed.

Correspondence: A \$100 donation has been received from Mid-State Bank.

Financial: Income and expenses for the previous month were discussed. It's time to renew our membership in the California Museum Association. Dues for a museum of our size have increased from \$35 to \$50. Dr. Bryant asked to be reimbursed for \$167.83 for supplies purchased at Big Creek and Paso Robles Electric. It was moved by Larry Radka, seconded by Joyce Sommers, that the bills be paid. Carried.

Attendance: March: 245 Year to Date: 907

Volunteer Hours: March: 711 Year to Date: 1649

Days/Hours Open: Jan. 15 days, 53 hours; Feb. 17 days, 55 hours; Mar. 18 days, 50 hours

Old Business:

Old brick jail: Dennis Cassidy discussed the possibility of recreating the old brick jail on the museum grounds. He said that he would be able to get used bricks, but additional funds would need to be raised for the project. It was moved by Byby Root, seconded by Joyce Sommers, that we participate with Dennis Cassidy and the community in the reconstruction of the original Paso Robles jail on the Pioneer Museum grounds. Carried.

Display space: Dennis also mentioned that there is a locked and lighted display area available in the Public Safety Center.

Alarm: The 8 security cameras have been installed and docents are being trained. A larger computer will be needed. We need video surveillance signs displayed in the museum.

North County Museum Co-op: There are seven museums and historical societies in northern SLO County participating in a joint effort to share ideas and promote the museums. The May issue of *Paso Robles Magazine* will have a joint advertisement encouraging visitors through a treasure hunt.

Schoolhouse restoration: The crew is nearly ready to paint the inside. Cyril Carol has one display case nearly ready that will go in the wall in the entry way.

Fund-raising chairman: Contacts have been made, but no volunteer has come forth.

Agri-business Tour: Leroy Brandon reported that they had a dry-run. The tour will begin at the Pioneer Museum on Wednesday, May 4.

New Business:

Central Coast AgTourism Council: Due to our agriculture-related displays, Joy Barlogio of the AgTourism Council made arrangements for us to be included in the next printing of their map, a run of 100,000, at a special discount rate of \$100. Two years ago they had half that amount printed and they are nearly out. [The maps are distributed through the S.L.O. Visitor and Conference Bureau, P.R. Chamber of Commerce visitor packets, other Chambers, wineries, visitor card racks, Cambria Pines Lodge, Parkfield Produce, etc.] It was moved by Larry Radka, seconded by Byby Root, that we spend the \$100. Carried.

Website: Our museum website is being redesigned and updated by former Paso Robles resident Dave Skinner. You can check it out at this *temporary* address: <http://pasorobles-usa.com/Museum/>

Upstairs Storage Room: To make more room, it was suggested that the fans could be stored in the milk delivery wagon until they are needed around the museum.

Addition to Buggy Barn: The building permit for the sprinkler system is ready to pick up. It was moved by Larry Radka, seconded by Dave Steaffens, that we accept the bid of \$9664 from Frank O'Conner for the cement work. Carried.

Parking Lot: Two or three loads of D.G. are needed to fill in the mud hole. A possible source was mentioned that will be pursued.

Farm and Ranch Expo on Sat., April 30: Jean Gilman suggested that the agriculture-related event in the downtown City Park, sponsored by Main Street, might be a good place to promote the museum.

Donation: A \$400 donation was received from the San Miguel Lions Club, in conjunction with the Friends of NRA, for the use of the museum facilities for their meeting place. The donation is being earmarked for a book of large display pages for the Geneseo School.

Telephone Pioneers: This Saturday they will be taking things out of the phone display, putting the items on tables in the buggy barn and returning on Thursday to put them back.

A Safe, donated by the Paso Robles Press, was temporarily put into the Pioneer Day Committee's tractor barn. It is available for the Pioneer Day Committee, if they would like to use it.

Community Service Workers: Whoever makes the contact with the workers needs to be available to provide instructions when they come.

Moving of the Schoolhouse: Byby Root reported that Ron Gallagher is working on a video of the move, combining still photographs and videos. The cost will be about \$300.

Paderewski: It was suggested that we need a shorter version of the audio tape. Thanks, Steve!

Rack Cards (Brochures): Our current supply is getting low. A revised card was passed around. We had 5,000 printed four years ago. We can get another 5,000 printed for \$256 (plus sales tax), which is \$26 more than four years ago. It as moved by Bonnie Nelson, seconded by Jean Gilman, that we order more cards. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Milene Radford, Bd. Sec.

The next regular meeting: **Thursday, May 12**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Museum, 2010 Riverside Drive, Paso Robles.