

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

September 8, 2005

Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by board member Larry Radka 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 were Steve Cichorsky, Jean Gilman, Les Hoffman, Milene Radford, Larry Radka, Byby Root, Gary Smith, Dave Steaffens, Jean Sudden and liaisons Larry Eastwood.

Minutes: It was moved by Gary Smith, seconded by Milene Radford, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Passed.

Financial: Income and expenses for the previous month were discussed. There was a question about expenses for the Paso Gathering because it didn't show an expenditure for an advertisement in the *Cowboys and Indians* magazine. It was moved by Dave Steaffens, seconded by Byby Root, that the financial report be accepted with the correction of one typographical error in the In Kind column. (The numeral one was omitted in the total.) Dave Steaffens asked to be reimbursed for schoolhouse expenses in the amount of \$205.44 spent on June 13 at Home Depot. Dr. Bryant would like to be reimbursed for about \$3800 in expenses for the new addition.

Attendance: Aug.: 96 Year to date: 1659

Volunteer and docent hours: (docent and construction projects only) Aug.: 296 Year to date: 3315

Number of days open: Aug.: 16 Year to date: 138

Old Business:

Schoolhouse: There are still some things that need to be finished. In the meantime a few things will be done before a tour on Saturday evening, Sept. 17. Byby Root requested that the former schoolhouse corner be cleaned up so she can start working on the military display planned for that space.

New Addition: It is progressing well with a great crew of volunteers working on the project.

Pioneer Day, Oct. 8th: Anita Black will demonstrate pine needle basket making. The woodcarvers can probably be here. Byby Root will contact Jerry Perney to provide music. Dr. Bryant left word that he has ordered a brass plaque for the schoolhouse and would like to present the plaque at 2:00 on Pioneer Day. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Pioneer Day will be set aside for school tours. Les Hoffman and Jean Sudden will open the museum prior to the Old-timers Luncheon on Oct. 6th. Milene will ask Jay Ferrin if he would like to drive the Studebaker in the parade. She'll check with Tim Boatman on the Maxwell. If he doesn't want to drive it, Jeff Beaumont has offered.

Steve and Larry are working on organizing and tidying up the telephone equipment.

Paso Gathering: So far 22 exhibitors have signed up. Advertisements have appeared in three magazines.

New Business:

Docent guidelines and suggestions: Please look them over and make suggestions. A copy is on the desk.

Security System: Gary will order a low-end computer to handle the security system. Now that all of the board members and current docents have their own personal security code, the generic code will be eliminated on Sept. 15th.

Tree trimmings: Byby volunteered to take them and Larry said that he and Bob will take care of their disposal.

Grants: Larry Radka hasn't been able to make connections with Charley Johnson yet.

Almond Cracker: In July 2000 Paul Ernst evaluated the cracker, offered by Donna Grossnicklaus, which is about the size of one of the farm wagons stored under the overhang. At that time we indicated that we would take it. Because Dr. Bryant hasn't been able to make connections with her yet, Larry, Gary and Dave offered to check on it.

An Opportunity: The San Luis Obispo County Historical Society would like to have someone representing this area to provide input to their organization.

Brochure: The full-color brochure that is being produced by the North County Historical Museum Coop is now at the printers and should be available soon. Eight groups will split the order of 15,000 copies.

Central Coast Genealogy and Local History Fair, Sat., Oct. 1, San Luis Obispo: Sponsored by the S.L.O. Co. Genealogical Society and the S.L.O. Co. Historical Society. Milene has reserved table space. She will represent the Pioneer Museum, unless someone else would like to.

Photos: Milene showed a binder of copies of museum photographs that she is organizing. She plans to ask the community for additional photos, which we can copy.

Band Uniform: Dave Steaffens donated two photographs of Paso Robles band member Francis M. Shimmin and the band uniform that was worn by him in 1916.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Milene Radford
Board Secretary

Next regular meeting: **Thurs., Oct. 13, 2005**, at 7:00 p.m. at the museum.

Coming Events:

Fri., Sat., Sun., **Sept. 16-18:** Santa Lucia Rockhounds

Sat. evening, **Sept. 17:** Golden State Classics Car Club tour (Questions? Contact Milene)

Thurs., **Sept. 22:** Senior Citizens from Grace Church in San Luis tour the museum

Thurs. **Sept. 29**, 3:00: Paso Robles Mom's Club tour the museum

Mon., Tues., Wed., **Oct. 3, 4, 5:** School Tours

Thurs., **Oct. 6:** Museum open for Old-timers (Les Hoffman and Jean Sudden)

Sat., **Oct. 8:** Pioneer Day

Sat. evening, **Oct. 8** (Pioneer Day): Templeton High School Class of '55 (Questions? Contact Milene)