

ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
February 23, 2017 Steam Pump Ranch, Pusch House

Board Members Present: Jim Williams, Roxy Johnson, Pat Spoerl, Paul Loomis, Al Efron, Bob Cain, Jo DeGennaro. Excused: Joyce Rychener, Henry Zipf.

Others Present: Joel Woppert (TOV), Paul Andrews, Sherri Graves Bujarski, Carol Bull, Sue Chambasian, Nancy Humphry, Camella Koeller, Twink Monrad.

1. Opening. 1a. Jim Williams called the meeting to order at 3 PM.

1b. Minutes of January 2017 Board meeting were approved..

1c. Treasurer's Report for January was approved. Reminder to Board members to contribute \$100 for the year.

1d. Secretary's Report. Nothing to report. Pat provided information about Arizona Archaeology Awareness and Heritage Month held annually in March. The Archaeology Expo will be held in Topowa (Tohono O'odham Nation) on March 5th.

2. Unfinished Business

2a. Goals for 2017. Jim provided 4 goals for Board consideration:

1. Increase the involvement of our members as volunteers and committee members.
2. Raise funds to cover our annual expenses [\$5,000].
3. Research possibilities for a permanent home for the Society.
4. Generate more community outreach and publicity.

Annual expenses are considered the bare minimum. Board approved a motion to accept the goals and include "\$5,000" in Goal #2 so there is a specific target.

2b. Annual Meeting. Will be held in the Sunset Room/OV Community Center at 3 PM on March 23rd. It will include a speaker (Bob Simpson - John Nelson and the Last Chance (Rail X) Ranch), election of Board members, and a short business meeting.

2c. Report on Wine Festival. Jo and Lois gave tours of the Pusch house during the event. They received 3 memberships and sold one book. This year was the first time the Pusch house was open to visitors during the event.

2d. Building cost estimates. No discussion.

3. Committee Reports.

3a. Building (discussion held after New Business). Paul summarized the first meeting of the committee. The next meeting will be on March 7th with architect Corky Poster to discuss renovation of the Workers Housing/Garage building at SPR.

Paul asked for input on space needs and the need to focus at this point on “needs” rather than “wants”.

3b. Nominations. Four of the five candidates for the Board were present. They introduced themselves and spoke about their interest in the Society. The Ballot will be mailed next week and members can vote by email, post office mail or by bringing their ballot to the annual meeting. Members eligible to vote include members who have paid dues, life members, and members who joined in 2017 and have a free first year. Need information on three-year terms if Paul and Jo are up for re-election.

3c. Collections. Sue reviewed the AHS grant and reported that 8 archival storage boxes were purchased with the remaining grant funds. A Final Report will be completed and submitted to AHS by June.

Sue presented a recommendation that the upcoming Newsletter include a one-time listing of all those who have donated materials to the Society and that a small Collections Corner space be included in the Newsletter.

The committee has discussed the need for insurance on the collections owned by the Society and ones held on loan. Paul will check on options since the liability policies will be renewed in April.

3d. Volunteers. Jo reminded members to document volunteer hours.

3e. Membership. Renewal emails and letters have been sent. There are about 25 new “free” memberships so far in 2017 (January/February).

3f. Speakers Bureau. Jim listed February speakers as Sandy Chau (The Chinese in Tucson) at OV Library, Jim Williams (Barry Goldwater) at Splendido, and Jim Williams at OV Lions Club.

On April 12th at 2:00 PM at the OV Library Anne Gwinnup will speak on “Surviving Japanese World War II Internment”.

3g. Fundraising. Jo spoke with Board candidate Don Zaves regarding funding possibilities. Jo and Peg are going to the Z (Zellweger) Mansion in downtown Tucson to learn about possible event venues there-

Al offered to match, dollar for dollar up to \$1,000, contributions to OVHS to be used for publicity and increasing community awareness about the Society. His offer is good for 30 days (until March 23rd). (Note first donation to be matched in Comments from Audience).

3h. Publicity. Bob discussed a draft survey he prepared to obtain information on the demographics of our members. Board members should review and make comments by early March. Comments can be made online within the draft form that was emailed to the Board.

Bob prepared a short flyer about Second Saturdays that could be placed at local businesses to increase awareness of the OVHS programs at Steam Pump Ranch.

Flyers were discussed as well as revising and printing OVHS brochures. Sherri offered that she would take care of any printing.

4. Town Liaison Report. Joel that a volunteer (J. J. Lamb) who attended the adobe workshop who could be a resource for OVHS with SPR building restoration plans.

5. New Business. Al mentioned the possibility of contacting Jim Cook at WNPA again regarding WNPA and OVHS working together.

Jim said that he attended the Historic Preservation meeting in February and had sent notes to the Board, particularly about their discussion of local level landmarks.

6. Comments from Audience.

Carol Bull noted issues with current supply of membership cards.

Nancy Humphry and Paul Andrews offered to be the first to match Al's offer of matching funds by contributing \$100.

Twink offered to make cookies for the annual meeting if needed and suggested J. J. Lamb as a speaker for a Society program.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Pat Spoerl.

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