

**ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING**  
**January 26, 2017 ORO VALLEY LIBRARY**

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

Others Present: Lynanne Dellerman (Town of Oro Valley), Candee Castaneda (Castaneda Museum), Arielle Overman (Pima Federal Credit Union), Paul Andrews, Sue Chambasian, Shannon Glinski, Nancy Humphry, Camella Koeller, Twink Monrad, Peg O'Connell, Jim Skalicky, Melody Weber.

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

1b. Minutes of November 2016 Board meeting were approved..

1c. Treasurer's Report. Review and approval of Treasurer's reports for November, December, and the end of year 2016. Year 2016 ended with a balance of \$19,251.30.

1d. Secretary's Report. Pat stated there was a letter to the Arizona Historical Society regarding grant funds ready for Jim's signature. Photographer Sherri Graves sent thank you notes to Sue and Pat regarding \$15.00 donation per picture (\$30.00 total) for their purchase of canvas photographs of Steam Pump Ranch.

Note: canvas photos are being removed from the Pusch house but are still available for purchase in a variety of smaller sizes.

2. Unfinished Business

2a. Leadership list and calendar. Jim has started a list of programs and events through June to be put on website. Jim noted that it would be good to have an OVHS volunteer to attend Historic Preservation Commission meetings.

2b. Continuation of free membership for the coming year. Discussion of pros and cons. We currently have approximately 300 contacts and would like more.

Motion by Jo that membership will be free to new members for one year and membership fees will be paid after the first year (i.e. if someone joins in 2017 their membership is free; they will pay dues in 2018). Motion passed unanimously.

We need to email membership renewal information as soon as possible so members who are currently free can pay and retain membership to vote in Board elections.

Note to Board: need to make specific decisions on membership fees and renewals and schedule at the November meeting so information is ready in January.

2c. Results of fundraising letter/email. Paul reported that about \$500 had been received as a result of the mailing.

2d. Cost estimates for Steam Pump Ranch and fire suppression/alarm system. Roxy will report at next Board meeting.

3. Committee Reports.

3a. Nominations. Sue and Twink provided a report on number of members contacted regarding interest in serving on the Board. Their question was could representatives of organizations be on the Board. Examples include Pima Federal Credit Union, Archaeology Southwest, local businesses. The Board agreed it is appropriate for the committee to solicit corporate members to the Board.

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3b. Education and Heritage Garden. Joyce provided an update on the Arizona Preservation Conference to be held at the Hilton El Conquistador Resort June 14-16. There will be a session on heritage gardens and early maize on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Joyce will be planting an early agriculture garden this spring featuring teosente and chapalote. Check the link for additional information: <https://azpreservation.com/>

Joyce reported on the Adobe Workshop to be held at Steam Pump Ranch February 11-12. The session is sponsored by the Town of Oro Valley through a grant from the AZ SHPO. Its intent is to teach a core group of individuals about making adobe bricks and other adobe restoration techniques so they can assist in preserving the chicken coops and other adobe features at the Ranch. Lynanne reported that the workshop starts with a classroom session to be held at the Pusch house so there will be no docent tours at the house on February 11<sup>th</sup> (Second Saturday).

Joyce noted that local schools are interested in field trips to SPR, the pithouse burn will occur in April, and the Castenada Museum will be installing an exhibit, with a number of Yaqui items, in the large room of the Pusch house.

3c. Collections. Sue reported that the Hilton El Conquistador has decided to not pursue an historical exhibit as identified a year ago. The Resort has kept a number of items from our collection for such an exhibit and will be returning them. Volunteers are needed for library exhibits and for conducting oral histories.

The Pusch collections storage cabinet ordered with funds from the Arizona Historical Society grant has arrived and been installed at the Pusch house. The cabinet cost was less than identified at the time of grant application so we are requesting AHS to use the funds (\$167) for archival storage containers. A cradle that is approximately 130 years old has been donated to the Society.

3d. Volunteers. Jo emphasized the importance of reporting volunteer hours. She needs volunteer forms completed for 2016. Do as soon as possible. Jo requested that the Board fund a wheeled cart for moving materials at Second Saturdays. The Board approved a motion for her to spend up to \$100 for a cart.

3e. Jim is continuing to provide speakers for Society programs. The December program about mining in the Santa Catalina Mountains was well attended. Note dates: February 6 – Sandy Chan will speak on the Chinese in Tucson at OV Library at 2:00. April 12<sup>th</sup> -- the wife of a survivor of a World War II Japanese Internment Camp will speak at OV Library at 2:00. Jim is giving several programs: February 13 at Splendido about Barry Goldwater, and on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Details will be added to the Society website.

The Board discussed asking for donations at speakers programs and decided to have one of our donation boxes at each program.

3f. Fundraising. Jo mentioned the possibility of coordinating events with the Town to reduce costs, specifically the owners of Chuck Wagon. Lynanne suggested that the Society work with the Keg on fundraising events. There will be a wine-tasting event at SPR on February 18<sup>th</sup> (11:00 AM-6:00PM).

3g. Publicity. Bob reported that the Explorer charges for notices in the paper (\$11.00). We could prepare a press release for events/programs that might be used.

4. Report from Town of Oro Valley Liaison.

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Lynanne suggested the person who developed the landscape plan for SPR as a possible speaker. Other Town items covered in previous topics.

5. New Business

5a. Formation of a Building committee. Jim spoke about the importance for OVHS to have a “home” and outlined considerations. He established a Building Committee and asked Paul to be chair. He also asked Al. Pat and Sue also volunteered.

First meeting will be in February.

5b. Setting Goals for the year. Discussion of Fundraising, Building committee and other goals to be considered further at next Board meeting.

5c. Annual meeting. The speaker at the annual meeting will be Robert Simpson who will talk about John Nelson and the Rail X Ranch and other historic settlement in the Saddlebrook area. **Meeting will be in the Sunset Room OV Community Center at 3:00 on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

6. Comments from audience.

Discussion of the upcoming consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission (February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting) for a 3-story storage facility at Steam Pump Village and potential impact to historic Steam Pump Ranch.

February Board meeting is February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 at Steam Pump Ranch.

March Board/Annual meeting is March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 in Sunset Room OV CommunityCenter.

April Board meeting is April 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 in Sunset Room OV Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Submitted by Pat Spoerl. (02/20/17)