



# ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Annual Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2026

Call to order at 2:07 p.m.

In attendance – Bob Kellar, Devon Sloan, Sue Chambasian, Twink Monrad. Paul Loomis excused.

Interested parties in attendance – Denzil Walker, Jim Williams, Cynthia Laferty and Janie, Ann Krsiean, Roger Nichols

Minutes of March 27, 2025 meeting approved

### **Consent Agenda**

The following reports were approved on the consent agenda.

President's Report – Bob Kellar

Secretary Report – Devon Sloan

Committee Reports:

Collections – Sue Chambasian

Docent – Tina Zogott

Garden and Education – Joyce Rychener

Director – Twink Monrad

Special Projects – Lynn Zoyiopoulos

### **Old Business**

President Kellar shared the positives of the 2025/26 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

Website totally revamped with appreciation to Lynn Zoyiopoulos. Shares historical stories, events, oral histories, donation and volunteer opportunities, links to Town website for Town information and events.

With a grant from the Arizona Historical Society, the office space in the Pusch House Museum now has computer, monitor, wi-fi, and soon-to-come Catalogit software so that we can digitize our 800 physical items as well as documents. Heritage Garden has totally blossomed with the help of Joyce Rychener and Pat Spoerl. Volunteers are now on-site on a weekly basis (some more often) and Home Depot has provided a shed, potting tables and volunteers of their own. The pit house has been cared for by Joel Woppert, and there is a possibility of a rose garden in the near future.

President Kellar thanked all volunteers, noting that docents at the Museum allotted for about 1,000 hours of the over 6,000 hours our Society spent on keeping Oro Valley history alive.

### **New Business**

President Kellar shared upcoming events through the end of our season.

March 28 – Pusch House Museum and Gap Ministries on site with request for bathroom items.

April 4, 18, 25 – Pusch House Museum open

April 11 – Pusch House Museum open, naturalist tour, and Heritage Garden fundraiser

April 12 – Taste of Oro Valley event sponsored by Rotary Club of Oro Valley, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

April 30 – “Sakellar and Savage Sculptures” presented by Dr. Michael Fassett, President of the Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation at Oro Valley Public Library 2 p.m.

May 7 – Picture Rocks Elementary student tour of Museum, Ranch, Heritage Garden. Time to be determined

Sue Chambasian has stepped down from her position on the Board and as Collection Committee Chair. President Kellar thanked her for her support for the last 11 years, and the last 10 years as Chair. Sue has arranged for appropriate donations, made sure they were preserved and stored correctly, helped with identifying items for the new website, was in charge of all exhibits at the Museum and the Library, and has boxes full of all of our items catalogued so that they can

easily be found and used for exhibits. As she said when presented with a token gift from the Society, "I have always loved history and got that from my Mom." Her college minor was history and she was an archivist at a heritage museum before moving to Tucson. She will still be involved with exhibits and is looking forward to bringing some items actually owned by the Pusch family from the Arizona Historical Society to the Pusch House Museum in the near future.

All of us at the Oro Valley Historical Society are grateful for the time, effort, and love that Sue put into every exhibit she touched. She truly was the backbone of helping us keep Oro Valley history alive and sharing it with our community.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m. and celebratory cake followed - thank you Sue, and happy early birthday, Denzil!

Next meeting date - April 23 at 2 p.m. in the Pusch House Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Devon Sloan

Secretary