



ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2026

Parks and Recreation Report – Matt Jankowski

- The roof of the Pusch House should be completed by Monday at the latest. The porch roofs will be completed next year with shingles that match the roof.
- The directional signs will be installed by the end of the month.
- The fire alarms outside the Pusch House and in the garage have been repaired.
- Window cleaning in the Pusch House will not be a part of the duties of the current company that cleans the windows due to the screens on the windows – they would need to be removed and replaced by the company, and the company has a concern about being able to provide that service correctly.
- Lights on the Pump House structure will be refurbished.
- Flag pole on the property is still under consideration. The question is who will be responsible for raising and lowering, and the Town would need to provide a light.
- The Town Manager wants update on all items in the Society's possession. Bob stated that the required inventory was provided by the agreed upon date of August 18, per the memorandum of understanding for the garage. Additional inventory will be provided by end of year.

Call to order at 2:12 p.m.

In attendance – Bob Kellar, Paul Loomis, Devon Sloan, Twink Monrad, Roger Nichols

Interested parties in attendance – Roxy Johnson, Tina Zogott

Minutes of July 22, 2026 meeting approved

Consent Agenda

- The following reports were adopted on the consent agenda.
- President's Report – Bob Kellar
- Committee Reports:
- Collections – Lynn Zoyiopoulos
- Docent – Tina Zogott
- Publicity – Devon Sloan
- Garden and Education – Joyce Rychener
- Director – Twink Monrad
- Special Projects – Lynn Zoyiopoulos
 - Question concerning the timing of switch to Microsoft – depends on Karl Kurrle's availability

Regular Agenda

- Treasurer report - approved
- Moving from Quick Books to Quicken.

Old Business

- Discussion concerning departmental budgets. See attached document for how reporting will be changed. **If there are additional suggestions for various expense or revenue line items, please contact Paul to update.**

- Docents for Heritage Garden on 2nd Saturdays will be requested. No one is available on September 12. **Lynn, Joyce, and Tina will work together to schedule volunteers.**
- Bob received a credit card from Edward Jones.
- Group reminded of Meet and Greet at Charred Pie on Friday, August 28 at 5 p.m.
- Devon contacted Arizona Historical Society regarding an actual steam pump for potential exhibit at the Ranch. **She will check again** as it was noted that at one point the AHS did have a steam pump, even though their latest communication said they don't. There is a gentleman who works for the Town who says he does have a steam pump, although it is not working. It would be helpful to borrow it for a Ranch demonstration perhaps close to the Rodeo time frame in February. **Devon will be back in touch with him.**

New Business

- No immediate decisions on uses for the \$880.00 Paul donation. **The Board will bring forth ideas at the next meeting. All ideas are welcome from all members.**
- Due to a computer hack, Roger has not had the opportunity to research a grant from the Warhol Foundation. **Devon will look into the requirements and share her discovery with Roger.**
- Devon listed the speakers for our new season – all completed until April. **Dates at the library still need to be confirmed, and Devon will follow up.**
- Noted that the Chamber of Commerce Foundation grant this year will only cover groups working with the necessities of food, clothing, housing, transportation, and health.
- Bob reminded Board that there will be viewing and discussion of the Pusch House exhibits on September 8 and 9 at 4 p.m. each day. **All supporters are invited to come to the Museum to see the exhibit and to learn how we will be presenting our collection this year.**
- Discussion regarding communications and collections -
- The Board agreed that communications should be coming from MailChimp only.
- The Board also agreed that the Catalogit project will continue.
- At this time, the Board would like to see an increased focus on bringing Board members and volunteers up to speed on how to actually use both MailChimp and Catalogit. It was discussed that all of us need training, and that Lynn and perhaps Linda, could schedule classes for volunteers either at the library or the garage offices on the Ranch. Due to the age and expertise of our volunteers, it might take some time to enable all of us to understand our new systems. Having hands-on classes with specific WRITTEN directions on how to use MailChimp to communicate our brand and how to actually locate items in Catalogit which we will be displaying in the future will be very helpful. The written directions were requested so that volunteers could work on the programs in their homes instead of just at the Museum. The Board agreed that our new technological direction will be helpful to all of us, including our community, and we need to be educated on how this new direction will help us do our jobs better. None of us are stupid, but currently we are ignorant on how these new systems will work.
- That is why the Board is suggesting that the Catalogit project be put on a back burner while we spend some much-needed time getting those interested board members and volunteers comfortable using both MailChimp and Catalogit. Catalogit will continue to be worked on in somewhat reduced fashion while the rest of us get educated as to these systems. This will give Lynn a little breather and the chance to educate additional volunteers to be able to assist with the remainder of the project.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Next meeting date September 24, 2 p.m. at Steam Pump Ranch

Respectfully submitted,
Devon Sloan, CMP, CTA
Secretary