

**Arizona Historical Society
Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting
April 12, 2011**

Present: B. Bear, A. Boice, C. Carroll, G. Caywood, P. Hershberger, W. Kelly, C. Mathis, F. Ronstadt, G. Scott, N. Young Wright.

Absent: S. DeConcini, C. Irwin, K Sanders, C. Schroeder, M. Suagee, S. Thompson, E. Warshaw

Staff Present: A Woosley, W. Ponder, R. Goodman, D. Ortiz, K. Campbell

Guests: Betty Cook, Docent Council Representative
Dale Sloan, new President of Pathfinders

Call to Order

President Scott called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll was taken and a quorum was declared.

Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting were approved on motion by Kelly, seconded by Bear.

Treasurer's Report

Schroeder was absent due to tax season. No report.

President's Report

Scott reported on the following items:

- Introduced Betty Cook, the new Docent Council Representative. Cook remarked that the recent cemetery tour was very successful and continues to grow each year. She also announced the upcoming Silver City tour and indicated a couple of positions are still available.
- Mentioned that he spoke with Eileen Warshaw who has been unable to attend the AHS chapter board meetings because the Jewish History Museum board meets at the same time.
- Reported that DeConcini has some good ideas about the museum store. He and DeConcini plan to meet with Campbell and the store intern to go over the ideas.
- Announced the Arizona History Convention in Yuma, April 28-May 1. He, Mathis and others from the board will attend.

Executive Director's Report

Woosley reported on the following:

- Announced that the new *Changing Boundaries* map exhibit opening on Wednesday, June 15, 5:00–7:00 p.m. She thanked Young Wright who has volunteered to write the press releases.
- Reported that Mark Bahti would be appraising the Yavapai Apache baskets collection, donated by John and Marilyn Henderson, at no cost to AHS.
- Shared a draft sample of the fundraising appeal for the *100 Years/100 Quilts* centennial exhibit that will soon be mailed. A package to solicit large sponsorships is also being prepared. Funds will be collected through the Quilting Association's 501(c)(3). Laraine Daly Jones has established dates and locations around the state to collect the quilts. Regarding the AHS website: staff is in discussions with Buzzmouth regarding the redesign of the website.
- Caborca Artifacts: Dr. Ed Williams, retired UA professor involved with the Sister City Program (Prescott and Caborca are sister cities), has been in discussions regarding a long-term loan agreement for the baptismal font to the museum in Caborca through INAH (the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia). Kelly mentioned that there is a major movement by tribes in the U. S. to obtain artifacts from museums. He is concerned about a precedent being set that could impact other items in the collections and have negative implications regarding potential donors' willingness to donate items to the AHS. Woosley stated that the precedent has already been set with the collection from Machu Picchu which was returned to Peru.
- Ortiz reported that \$6,700 is being requested from the board to fund the museum store intern for summer and fall 2010 and spring 2011. This item will be considered under New Business.
- Woosley reported that Laraine Daly Jones is completing an application to the Arizona Humanities Council for funding for the centennial quilts project. The potential need for matching funds for this grant was previously discussed by the board. Scott will provide a letter of support for a \$5,000 match by the chapter board that will be included with the grant application that is due April 29.

Committee Reports

Membership: No report due to Sanders absence. Young Wright and Carroll reported that Sanders and Thompson hosted an AHS table at the April 2 Centennial Park groundbreaking event in El Presidio neighborhood.

Fundraising: Ronstadt and Young Wright reported on the committee meeting held regarding the October 15 chuck wagon fundraiser. Discussion included: logistics of the event; whether it should be a smaller event this year to gain experience; budget and timeline; the need to have board members help solicit underwriters for the event; what the proceeds would be used for; whether to have a raffle rather than an auction; to offer alcohol or not at a "family" event; and how many people the board can expect/handle. Ronstadt concluded by requesting the board's input. There ensued a long discussion on these and other issues, including having the Pathfinders help with the event, street closure requirements, donations already lined up by Scott for food and entertainment, how many people can be accommodated in the auditorium, etc.

In conclusion, there was general consensus for the initial year to be a "friend" raiser with the expectation to expand the event in 2012 in connection with the state's centennial. Kelly stated that he might have a

sponsor and requested to have the proposed budget when it is available. Bear said she would provide the name of a representative from Pathfinders to meet with the committee.

Call to the Public

Dale Sloan, new president of the Pathfinders, briefly mentioned some of their current activities, and said she looked forward to working with the board on the fall fundraising event.

New Business

Regarding funding for the museum store intern, it was moved by Bear, seconded by Carroll and passed unanimously that the board provide \$6,700 salary for the upcoming fiscal year.

On motion by Hershberger, and second by Kelly, the board unanimously agreed to match up to \$5,000 for the Arizona Humanities Council grant application being prepared by AHS staff.

Announcements

Scott announced that the next meeting will be May 10.

Ortiz invited all board members to attend the volunteer appreciation breakfast April 26 at 9:00 a.m.

Ortiz announced that Carol Quesnette, AHS Secretary, is retiring the end of April.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Caywood, Secretary

Greg Scott, President

Date