

Arizona Historical Society Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting
January 12, 2010

Present: K. Alexander, B. Bear, A. Boice, C. Carroll, E. Caywood, B. Cirivello, M. Clausen, P. Hershberger, C. Mathis, A. Rutter, S. Thompson, E. Warshaw.

Staff: A. Woosley, K. Campbell

The meeting was called to order by C. Mathis, President, at 3:40 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum declared.

Executive Director's Report: A. Woosley reported that the traveling Civilian Conservation Corp exhibit would replace the medical exhibit, and that the lighting would be upgraded. This area will be used for exhibits. The Day of the Dead exhibit will come down and be replaced with a photo exhibit of the interior of San Xavier del Bac. The Christmas ornament exhibit in the lobby will be replaced with historic pet photos and objects.

A. Woosley reported she had been working with Representative G. Gifford's office to bring an original Declaration of Independence broadside to the museum on February 21 and 22. Many volunteers will be needed. She acknowledged donors who helped financially and the Docent Council that contributed time and money. There are many details to be arranged regarding publicity, safety, logistics, and school tours.

A. Woosley said she was working on a project regarding the Arizona Centennial that she would announce in the near future.

Staff is working on a wish list that the Board can use for a fundraiser. The Ferguson map of 1862, Tucson's earliest street map, is a possible project.

The El Fuente Reunion will be held on February 13, which includes a walking tour of the Fort Lowell neighborhood.

A. Woosley reported that AHS has been exempt from additional budget cuts this fiscal year.

President's Report: The theme for 2010 will be "Year of Public Relations" with D. Chambers heading up a new PR committee. The newsletter will be part of this committee. As Vice-President, G. Scott will be leading the fundraising committee. Staff is reviewing the "wish list" to prioritize possible projects to use as the focal point for a fundraiser. C. Mathis suggested a viewing of the ten most special pieces in the museum—"Best of the Best" event to be held at the Museum as one possibility.

Since the last meeting, the Executive committee approved a \$500 expenditure for supplies to create a banner for the airport, that will hang in the baggage claim area. A thank you note will be sent to A. Holm of Nogales for his gift AHS membership to the

Lundstrom's as a thank you for our visit to their home. The Executive Committee also authorized a \$250 expenditure for the creation and distribution of a press release announcing new officers and all board members of the Southern Arizona Chapter Board.

New Business: S. Thompson reviewed our newsletter expenses and timeline—April and September. B. Cirivello moved that we spend up to \$10,000.00 for two newsletters in 2010. C. Carroll seconded and the motion passed. Discussion followed of possibly using email or a website to reach more people.

C. Mathis made a request to continue the policy from last year of allowing the Executive Committee to authorize expenditures up to \$500 without coming to the Board for approval. W. Kelly motioned to accept this request, seconded by E. Warshaw and motion passed by the Board.

Announcements: K. Alexander was thanked for the new banner for the Mercantile Store. E. Warshaw announced that October 24 would be the Centennial of Tucson's oldest synagogue. The Board requested information on Southern Arizona division membership and C. Mathis said she would follow up with R. Goodman to see if he would make a presentation to the Board at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Boice, Secretary