

**Arizona Historical Society
Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting
March 8, 2011**

Present: B. Bear, A. Boice, C. Carroll, G. Caywood, S. DeConcini, P. Rondelli, F. Ronstadt, K Sanders, G. Scott, S. Thompson, N. Young Wright. Also, Scott Thompson had the proxy for Charles Irwin.

Absent: P. Hershberger, C. Irwin, W. Kelley, C. Mathis, C. Schroeder, M. Suagee, E. Warshaw

Staff Present: A Woosley, W. Ponder, L. Daly-Jones, R. Goodman, D. Ortiz

Guest: Shirley Pinkerton, President of Docent Council

Call to Order

President Scott called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll was taken and a quorum was declared.

Approval of Board Minutes

There was one correction to the minutes. Nancy Young Wright's name (in the Treasurer's Report and in Committee Reports) was wrongly stated as Wright-Young. The minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting as corrected were approved on motion by Boice, seconded by Carroll.

Treasurer's Report

Schroeder was absent due to tax season, so no report was given on the 501(c)3 fund. Ponder provided a verbal report on the 1107 fund dated 1/31/2011. There is \$23, 019 in the account.

President's Report

Scott reported on the following items:

- He introduced new board member Fred Ronstadt.
- He congratulated board member Colleen Mathis for her membership on and being chair of the five- person state redistricting board.
- He announced that he, Sanders and others were present on February 19 for the rededication of the Kino statue in front of the museum. It was a successful event.
- He introduced Shirley Pinkerton, President of the Docent Council, and mentioned that he was at their tour of historic bars last Sunday. They will be doing a May 5-8 tour of Silver City, and

conduct a cemetery tour called “Meeting Tucson’s Pioneers” on March 19. Flyers on both these events were made available to the board.

Executive Director's Report

Woosley reported on the following:

- She reported that she and Ponder attended the History Makers centennial legacy fundraiser event at the Camelback Inn in Phoenix. The event was very successful, raising around \$200,000. As part of the event, a book has been published on Arizona History Makers.
- She announced the April 2 Centennial Park groundbreaking event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The park is a new pocket park in El Presidio neighborhood near the Tucson Museum of Art that will have interpretative markers about Tucson’s history. Sanders indicated she will have a membership table there and several board members volunteered to help staff it. Carroll added details about the event and noted that there will be a box lunch and after lunch tours will be given of many of the mansions along Main that are not normally open for public viewing.
- She announced that there will be a book signing at AHS on Wednesday evening, May 25. The book being signed will be “The Last Gunfight: The Real Story of the Shootout at the OK Corral”, by Jeff Guinn. Staff member Bruce Dinges is heading up the event, and help is needed from board members to staff it. Sanders asked if the board could have a membership table there, and Woosley indicated that this would be a good thing.
- She reported on the investigation done by staff for the fall fundraiser (chuckwagon dinner) suggested by Daly-Jones at the last meeting. Given other events in the community and the UA home football schedule, she suggested Saturday, Oct. 15, or Sunday Oct. 2 or 16, but thought Saturday would be the best time. There ensued much discussion about details of the event, the date, and a name for it. In the end, there was apparent agreement on the Oct. 15 date and a planning committee was appointed headed by Ronstadt, with Boice, Young Wright and Sanders as members. They are to work out details and report back at the next meeting.
- Regarding the 100 Years/100 Quilts Centennial Exhibit, she reported that the budget has now been set at about \$150,000. The board members present were provided with a printed project schedule and break down of the budget. Staff plans to ask the board for \$40,000 support once they have a better idea of how the fundraising is going. Board support will likely go to match grants that are being written. She suggested that if they end up with a short time line on some needed match, that the board authorize the Executive Committee to approve the needed funds rather than wait for a board meeting. This matter was discussed further under item 9B.

Committee Reports

Membership: Sanders distributed bags to all board members present which contained membership applications and other items that might be useful in recruiting new members. Each board member was asked to recruit five new members.

Sanders also handed out flyers for a Smithsonian Exhibit to be presented by the Oracle Historical Society from March 19-May 1. It will be displayed at the Acadia Ranch Museum and is entitled “Key Ingredients: America by Food”

Call to the Public

There were no comments from the public, but Young Wright stated that she recently did a sample fundraising plan for a client, and that if the board is interested, she would be glad to give a mini-in service to the board with tips on how (besides events) to raise money. Scott accepted her offer and suggested we hold it before a future board meeting.

New Business

There was further discussion of the request presented by Woosley at the last meeting that the board provide \$10,000 of support for the development and maintenance of the AHS website. After discussion it was moved by Thompson, seconded by Bear and passed unanimously that the funding be provided.

The request of staff that the board provide monetary support for the *100 Years/100 Quilts*, Centennial Exhibition, was discussed further. Thompson raised the issue of whether matching money should come out of the 501(c)3 fund or the 1107 fund. Ponder stated that it could probably be either, but Woosley thought it would be safer to take it out of the 1107 fund to which Ponder agreed. On the matter of the Executive Committee approving funding, should time be of the essence with regard to matching funds, it was recalled that the board had previously authorized the Executive Committee to make such decisions up to \$10,000.

Announcements

Scott announced the Book Festival this weekend on the UA mall, and noted that Woosley would be one of the many authors present and would participate in a panel on Saturday.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Gene Caywood, Secretary

Greg Scott, President