

Minutes of Arizona History Society  
Southern Arizona Chapter Board Meeting  
September 15, 2009

Present:

Ann Boice, C. Carroll, D. Chambers, B. Cirivello, M. Clausen, P. Hershberger, W. Kelly, C. Mathis, A. Rutter, C. Schroeder, G. Scott, and S. Thompson

Staff: D. Shelton and J. Stewart

The September 15 meeting at the Southern Pacific Train Depot was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Chambers. A quorum was declared. The May 8<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

President's Report: D. Chambers welcomed everyone back from summer vacation and declared that all committees had been working over the summer. He shared that the State AHS Board was working on cost cutting - is the State Journal too expensive in its present format? How can we raise money to assist the entire organization? He thanked G. Scott for organizing the bus trip to Nogales scheduled for October 17. He also thanked S. Thompson and the newsletter committee for the new Newsletter. The Board members agreed that it is great, and we will vote at the November board meeting whether or not to continue printing it.

Director's Report: D. Shelton stated that our current budget cut remains at \$145,000. D. Chambers said that Tim Bee was very helpful to AHS during budget negotiations. P. Hershberger stated that the Legislature will continue FY 09/10 budget work in January to close the current \$1 billion budget deficit. They will do this first, before beginning work on next year's budget. There is no news on Gannett's "Tucson Citizen" archives coming to the AHS. AHS will post the minutes and agendas on the AHS website. 200 people turned out for AHS's Tucson Birthday party at the museum. Cele Peterson was on hand to be honored for her decades of community involvement and for her leadership in starting Tucson's month-long birthday celebration each August. The SAC Board hosted the evening, providing the birthday cake and other refreshments. ADOA will manage federal dollars for an energy conservation stimulus program. AHS will participate in the program to receive support for energy saving upgrades to our museum buildings. The board will continue its traditional hosting of the margarita reception at the November 14 AHS annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report: C. Schroeder gave the treasurer's report for May, June, July and August with \$60,916.65 as our balance. Revenues were down at the Mercantile for the summer months.

Docent Report: B. Cirivello invited the Board and friends to the "Special Night at the Museum" event on October 3. She distributed flyers for this event and the Westerners event. Monies earned will go to the education fund at the Museum. The docents have also volunteered to help the Museum in any way the Director may have a need for.

Trip to Nogales: G. Scott stated the Pimeria Alta and Tubac Historical Societies will be invited to join us at the Nogales Courthouse on October 17. The bus will leave AHS Museum at 8:30 a.m. and return before 3:00 p.m.

Newsletter: S. Thompson presented the second "Arizona History Museum" newsletter to the Board and stated that the committee welcomes new ideas from our members.

Mercantile: J. Stewart thanked the Board for funding the summer intern program and showed the new merchandise she has designed: posters, prints, greeting cards, magnets, money clips, bookmarks and mirrors. The Board complimented her on the new ideas. J. Stewart and D. Shelton showed the new 3' x 8' Museum Banner to be placed at the entrance to the Museum.

Fundraising: C. Mathis spoke of her committee's work on the two possible fundraisers—a concert at the train station and Hotel Congress working with the Oserans and a party to honor Tucson's diversity and old-time families to be held at the Museum. The committee will report back next month.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on October 17 which is a trip to Nogales.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Boice, Secretary