

TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

September 20, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.

The Museum Board members met on September 20, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were Kevin Caskey, Amy King, Louise Jackson, Joanne Ledbetter, Neil Pilegard, and Darla Wegener. No one was absent. Tom Link, President of the Tulare County Historical Society, Brooke Sisk, General Services Assistant Director, and Janet Zaragoza, Community Outreach Specialist were also present.

The agenda was approved as written. (Motion - Neil, 2nd - Louise)

The minutes were approved with the amendment that Diana be changed to Deanna as listed from County Counsel. (Motion – Darla, 2nd - Joanne)

Correspondence: None to report at this time.

Public Comments: Brooke Sisk stated that on Tuesday, September 25 an item will be taken to the Board of Supervisors regarding the lily pond art project as part of a larger public art projects where the county is partnering with the Arts Consortium. She invited the board to attend next Tuesday. She also stated that the museum board is subject to the Brown Act and she will look into training for everyone to attend to become more knowledgeable on that topic.

Tom Link stated that the Tulare County Historical Society had their last meeting at Scicon and there were members that had not been and everyone was very impressed with the facility and programs there. He also stated that the Korean exhibit reception was outstanding, there was great attendance, and he talked to many Koreans in attendance that were thankful for the museum recognizing their culture.

MUSEUM CURATOR INPUT:

⇒**School Visits:** 0 schools, 0 kids, 0 adults, 0 total.

⇒**Total Museum Visits (Not including the school visits):** 545 adults, 309 kids, 854 total **in August of 2017 there were 484 adults, 267 kids, 751 total.

⇒**Donations:**

- Marsha Roberts would like to donate a Saturday Evening Post poster from 1956. Darla suggested having Jonathan research the item to look for a connection to Tulare County history.
- John Bergman would like to donate a Basket Brand packing label from Lemon Cove. The board voted to accept this item (Motion- Darla, 2nd – Louise).
- Jon Greeson would like to donate a Victorian pump reed organ circa 1886. The board voted to decline this item as the museum is short on space for display and storage and already has a similar piece (Motion – Neil, 2nd – Louise).
- The museum in Pleasanton would like to donate two issues of the Porterville Recorder from the 1940s. The board voted to accept these items (Motion – Darla, 2nd – Joanne).

⇒**Maintenance and exhibit update:** Regular cleaning is being done. The Korean exhibit reception on September 8 was well attended and Amy has received positive feedback from many attendees. Brooke Sisk also stated the Supervisor Shuklian gave \$500 from her good works fund to support the Korean exhibit reception. The Native American Roots Run Deep event was also a success and well attended this past Saturday. Shaun secured the Emken House display doors to reinforce them. Amy gave a presentation to the downtown rotary at the Marriott hotel to bring awareness to the projects at the museum and how the community can be involved. The museum will be part of the Smithsonian Museum Day on September 22.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

⇒**Budget:** Neil reported that the budget was recently passed.

⇒**Farm Equipment Project:** Amy reported that Don Vieira went through the equipment and identified the pieces that should be restored first and assigned them to the local high schools that agreed to accept an item to restore. We will deliver the first one tomorrow morning to Golden West. Amy will work on the paperwork for the items that will be deaccessioned. Kevin stated that he thought it was important that the museum is doing projects like this and that the items are being loaned out.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The annual fundraiser is coming up on Sunday, October 7 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. at the museum.

CURATOR REPORT: Amy would like to attend the CA Native American Day in Sacramento on Friday, September 28 to learn more about the activities that they have to possibly do something similar on a smaller scale here to honor our local tribes. Amy has also been working with the local veterans to speak in classrooms and putting together the ceremony for November 11.

The meeting is adjourned at 3:00 p.m. **Next meeting** scheduled for **October 25, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.** *The meeting was postponed a week due to attendance conflicts.