

# TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

February 20, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

The Museum Board members met on February 20, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were Kevin Caskey, Amy King, Neil Pilegard, Darla Wegener, Ann Johnson and Joanne Ledbetter. Also present were Brooke Sisk, Assistant Director of General Services and the new Agency Director for General Services, Daniel Richardson.

The minutes were approved as written. (Motion – Neil, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ann)

**Correspondence:** None to report at this time.

**Public Comments:** None to report at this time.

## MUSEUM CURATOR INPUT:

⇒**School Visits:** School Visits in January – 1 school, 75 kids, 8 adults, 83 total.

⇒**Total Museum Visits (Not including the school visits):** Total Museum (not including school visits) Visitors for the month of January – 374 adults, 193 kids, 567 total \*\*in January of 2019 there were 450 adults, 255 kids, 705 total.

## ⇒**Donations:**

- Brochure from Sequoia National Park (1942): Offered by Mike Fagan – The board voted to ask if he has contacted the park to donate it there first and if not to send it so they can get a better look at it. He did send it and he also has donated a copy to the park. The board voted unanimously to accept the brochure.

- Elizabeth Nortin has offered items from the Schmittors family that farmed under the Success Valley Lake out of Porterville. Amy will go through the items and get more information to present them to the board next month.

## ⇒**Maintenance and exhibit update:**

- Bob and Stan finished restoring the Jail
- Juan has begun cleaning the gun collection so that we may get it back on display in time for the school visits
- Amy went to DC for the training for the Memory Lab with the library
- The Museum Alliance had our third meeting and it was very productive
- Amy submitted a proposal to conduct a session at the WMA conference in October
- Dr. Cha gave me a plaque for my work to highlight Korean culture
- The ceiling in the gun room is complete and the lighting is working, Amy will begin to clean it and put the display back together
- Amy and staff moved the items in the Records Building so that Bob and Stan can start work on stabilizing that building
- Amy has been working on confirming people for the Main Street Jamboree, which will be on April 25 from 10-3
- Amy is setting up interviews with folks for the Westward Settlers Exhibit
- Amy and Brendan were judges at History Day with the Tulare County Office of Education
- Today after the meeting the documentaries from History Day will be shown in our theater
- Sometime this month or next month Jana will start the mural on the museum!

- Amy will be interviewed on KJUG country next week about the upcoming events for the museum.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

⇒**Budget:** Neil went over a handout provided to the board to identify different parts of the budget. The museum is on track with spending for the middle of the fiscal year. There were some new lines added for the purchase of new computers, the ceiling tile replacement in the gun and saddle gallery, the new security cameras, and money for the new building.

⇒**New Building Project:** Amy met with the committee from the historical society yesterday morning and they are wanting to move forward with the new building and also talked about new ideas to have incentives for more schools to participate in the restoration projects. Brooke reported that the proposed location for the new building is on top of a gas line and a leach field, so there will need to be some adjustments.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

⇒ None to report at this time.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

⇒ Amy was in a documentary that aired in Korea for ten whole seconds!

⇒ Kevin went to Visit Visalia downtown and saw the exhibit that Amy has installed there and encouraged others to go see it.

⇒ Darla announced that the Wilma McDaniels event will be at the Tulare Historical Museum on March 28 from 11-2.

⇒ Darla also said that she will be looking for old photos of the Orosi Library as it is going to be restored and is the last Carnegie Library built in California.

⇒ Kevin and Joanne announce that there will be a Historical Marker dedication for the school on Button willow Ranch on April 4 at 11:00 am

### **CURATOR REPORT:**

⇒ Amy will be conducting interviews for a museum facility attendant on Feb. 25.

The meeting is adjourned at 2:00 p.m. **Next meeting** scheduled for **March 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.**