

TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

August 16, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.

The Museum Board members met on August 16, 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 Diane Peterson, County Counsel, were also present.

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

The minutes were approved with the amendment that Joanne was not present at the last meeting. (Motion – Neil, 2nd Darla)

Correspondence: The museum as well as the library and the historical society received an email from the California State Library indicating that Tulare County had been chosen as County of the Month and Visalia has been chosen as City of the Month. They included links to the pages on their website recognizing the history of the area. The Tulare County Library put out a press release and will be taking it to the Board of Supervisors and City Council. The museum posted the recognition on the website and Facebook page as well.

Public Comments: Brooke Sisk stated that she thanks the museum board for all that they are doing and proud of the success that they are bringing to the museum. Tom Link stated that he also appreciates the museum board and all the work that they do to support the museum. He also mentioned the recognition from the California State Library.

MUSEUM CURATOR INPUT:

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

⇒**Total Museum Visits (Not including the school visits):** 560 adults, 389 kids, 949 total **in July of 2017 there were 542 adults, 350 kids, 892 total.

⇒**Donations:**

- Jim Barton has an old forge and Louise was able to get pictures to show the condition. Amy went to look at it and he also has five blacksmith tools he would like to donate with the forge. Amy indicated that there is a shelf that holds the forge to the structure where it is currently located. The board voted to accept the forge with the shelf and also the five blacksmith tools. (Louise made a motion and Joanne seconded)
- Jim Barton also offered to donate a spray rig with a wooden tank that was used in the late 1800s through the 1920s. The board voted to accept this item (Louise made a motion and Joanne seconded).

- A. ⇒**Maintenance and exhibit update:** Regular cleaning is being done. Amy paid Korean Chili and finalized plans to have them cater the Korean exhibit opening. The walls in the gallery have been patched and painted and the exhibit will be installed next week. Speakers are lined up for the opening as well and the video is being completed for the theater. Amy created lessons and made a list of additional resources for the WWI project and sent that to TCOE. Hopefully Amy can go speak at some meetings and schools to get the word out and distribute the lessons. Amy met with Nancy Hawkins and one other Master Gardener. They are so excited about the WWI project and have begun growing flowers for the event! Amy will meet with the veterans in the next couple of weeks to get their availability to go and speak in classrooms with students as part of the project. Poppies will be letters to active military and sent through A Million Thanks in May.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

⇒**Budget:** Neil reported that we are working with a roll over budget and the new budget will be taken to the Board of Supervisors in September. A major addition to the budget is the new community outreach specialist that will work to solicit donations for the parks and museum.

⇒**Farm Equipment Project:** As discussed at the last meeting, there were 32 items of the ag equipment that were agreed upon to de-access from the collection. Any known donors were contacted and the next step in the process is offering the pieces to local museums as a transfer. Amy sent a letter with the list of items to the local museums to see if they are interested in any of the pieces. After 30 days if there is no interest then we will move to the next step in the process, which would be possibly selling the items and putting the proceeds into the museum improvement fund under the historical society so that it may be used to build a building to better house the other equipment. Neil suggested Tulare County surplus as an option, they can put it on an online auction.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Korean Exhibit opening reception will be on September 8 at the museum from 1-3 p.m. We are also hosting the Roots Run Deep event in honor of California Native American Day on Saturday, September 15 from 10-3. Kim went around downtown and put up flyers for these events!

CURATOR REPORT: Our volunteer Jim Galka is working to scan all of our deeds of gift and donor cards so that we can upload those to PastPerfect and include those in the digital files we have entered.

The meeting is adjourned at 3:00 p.m. **Next meeting** scheduled for **September 20, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**