

TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

March 21, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.

The Museum Board members met on March 21, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were Kevin Caskey, Amy King, Neil Pilegard, Joanne Ledbetter, and Darla Wegener. Louise Jackson was absent.

The minutes were approved as written. (Motion – Darla, 2nd - Joanne)

Correspondence: Louise Jackson sent in her letter of resignation from the Museum Board.

Public Comments: Brooke Sisk was unable to attend and asked that it be stated she is sorry to miss the meeting.

MUSEUM CURATOR INPUT:

⇒**School Visits:** School Visits in February – 2 schools, 70 kids, 28 adults, 98 total.

⇒**Total Museum Visits (Not including the school visits):** Visitors for the month of February –456 adults, 219 kids, 675 total **in February of 2018 there were 579 adults, 377 kids, 956 total.

⇒Donations:

- Alan & Jo George have offered a cup and saucer with a scene from Porterville, a cup and saucer with the Cliff House in San Francisco on it, 2 pairs of shoes worn by grandfather, and 3 paperweights (one with a tree, the Cliff House, and a Ferry Building on them) The board was able to see photos and voted unanimously to accept the tea cup and saucer with the Porterville scene on it and decline the other proposed donations.
- Nathan Mills has offered a 1939 Red Rock Cola bottle that was found in Mooney Grove Park. The board voted unanimously to accept this item.

⇒Maintenance and exhibit update:

- County Center Rotary had their meeting at the museum on March 12 so Carl and Amy were able to give a presentation on the AG Equipment Restoration Project.
- Women's History Month display was loaned from the Tulare County Library and will be displayed in the Surprise School in observance of Women's History Month (March).
- Women's History Month Tea event – Saturday, March 30 @ 2:00 p.m. We have sold 30 tickets and looking forward to a great event!
- Arbor Day will be held on March 28 in Mooney Grove Park/Museum and we are looking forward to working with TCOE to have a great day!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

⇒**Budget:** Neil reported that the museum is on target for the budget year.

⇒**Farm Equipment Project:** Amy reported that she will be giving a presentation to the Board of Supervisors along with Carl Switzer, Brooke Sisk, and Neil Pilegard to bring them up to speed on the project and give them the background they will need for a future funding request.

⇒**Adios Amore Film Screening:** Kevin, Joanne, and Neil were able to view the film with Amy and all agreed it is appropriate to show at the museum. It will be exciting to hold a screening prior to its airing in PBS in September. Amy is going to look into securing equipment to show the film outside possibly in May or June.

NEW BUSINESS:

⇒**Museum Mission, Vision, and Values (updated):** Amy provided everyone with a copy of an updated Mission, Vision, and Values to review and provide feedback. It is important to look at these every few years to see the accomplishments and add new goals. The board will officially vote on any changes at the next meeting.

⇒**Museum Strategic Plan:** Amy Talked briefly about the strategic plan she is working on and will bring a final draft to the board when it is more complete. It was suggested we ask for community input, so this will be a consideration once there is a more organized plan. Amy will be doing a presentation to the Board of Supervisors in June to present the plan and that will include a funding request. Neil stated that the funding request for the new building for the restored AG equipment will be in the CIP. It is a possibility that the other funding request would be placed in there as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

⇒The Tulare County Historical Society will meet this Saturday, March 23 at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Brian Blain. Amy will give a presentation to update them on the museum happenings.

⇒The Book Festival at the Tulare County Library Visalia branch is on April 13! Amy will be there with Larry Otter selling books for TCHS and giving out information on the museum. Darla said that the library had been offered some ballot information and there will possibly be displays at the library.

CURATOR REPORT:

⇒Tulare County Arts Coalition – TCOE adopted the Tulare County Arts Education Plan that is part of a state-wide initiative called Create CA. Amy has been working with the group that has set this forth and has already formed some great connections for projects through this group.

The meeting is adjourned at 3:00 p.m. **Next meeting** scheduled for **April 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**