

# TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

January 18, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

The Museum Board members met on January 18, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were Kevin Caskey, Amy King, Kyle Taylor, Lee Terkelsen, and Maryellen Woodcock. Darla Wegener was absent.

1. **Welcome:** Kevin welcomed everyone to the meeting and started the meeting at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** Kyle made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Lee. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Public Comments:** None to report currently.

## 4. Museum Curator Input:

### A. Museum Visitors:

November: Adults - 279 Children - 123 Total – 402	<b>2019 – 1236 total</b>
*December: Adults – 354 Children – 183 Total – 537	<b>2019 – 316 total</b>
*Not including Winter Wonderland	

**School Visits:** November - 11 schools, 781 children, 132 adults, 913 total  
December – 0 schools, 0 children, 0 adults, 0 total

### B. Donations:

- Tricia Stever-Blattler has offered baskets her father collected. Kevin made a motion to accept the item and it was seconded by Kyle. Motion carried unanimously.
- Carina Mello has offered a doctor bag with ten record books. Kevin made a motion to accept the item and it was seconded by Kyle. Motion carried unanimously.
- Visit Visalia has offered Mammoth Tusks from Fresno area. Kevin made a motion to accept the item and it was seconded by Maryellen. Motion carried unanimously.

### C. Maintenance and exhibit update:

- Winter Wonderland welcomed a lot of visitors to the museum, and we had story time with the Tulare County Library staff in our Surprise School.
- We installed new computers in the museum for a much-needed upgrade.
- Upcoming exhibits: Dairy, Cultural Vignettes, General Statistics, Southeast Asian.
- Projects in Progress: Framed Art, Ag Equipment, Gun Collection.

## 5. Unfinished Business:

- A. **Budget:** Amy reviewed the distributed budget with the board and indicated that it had been updated through January 12, 2024. Kevin asked what the line labeled Gate fees, School fees was and Amy let him know that is the revenue of \$1 per car at the gate and the reservation fees from the schools for field trips. Amy and Kyle have a midyear budget meeting next week on Tuesday to discuss in further detail the museum budget status and will report back at the next meeting.

- B. **New Building Project:** Amy has begun installing the photos and text in the new building. Still waiting for the lettering for the exterior. Hoping to schedule a grand opening for February to recognize the Historical Society, Rotary, Stan Miller's family, and the teachers and students who have worked to restore the ag pieces.

**6. New Business:**

- A. Elect Officers (Chair & Vice Chair):** Lee nominated Kevin for Chair and Kevin nominated Lee for Vice Chair. Members of the board voted unanimously to accept the nominations for 2024.
- B. 2024 Plans:** Amy shared the events planned for the year – Jamboree on April 27, TCHS Fundraiser in October, Veterans Day Event in November, and Winter Wonderland in December. There will also be the grand opening of the new building and the opening reception for the Southeast Asian Cultural Exhibit. These are in addition to the other exhibits and projects museum staff are working on.

**7. Announcements:**

- A.** The Museum will be closed on Monday, February 19 for Presidents' Day.
- B.** The museum now has a golf cart to help with events and transporting items between buildings.
- C.** Supervisor Shuklian announced there is a grand opening for the newly installed all-inclusive playground at Mooney Grove Park on Monday at 2:30 p.m.

**8. Curator Report:**

- A.** Amy will prepare an outline for the report to be given to the Board of Supervisors in April to update them on the Museum and all that happened last year and what we are looking forward to this year.
- B.** The Tulare County Office of Education is holding their annual event History Day on Thursday, February 8 and have a lot of projects so looking for more judges.

**9. Next meeting** scheduled for **March 21, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.** in the History of Tulare County Farm Labor & Agriculture Museum Theater. Meetings for 2024 will be on Jan. 18, Mar. 21, May 16, July 18, Sept. 19, and Nov. 21.

**10.** The meeting is **adjourned** at 3:00 p.m.