

TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

July 21, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.

The Museum Board members met on July 21, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were Kevin Caskey, Amy King, Darla Wegener, Joanne Ledbetter, Lee Terkelsen. Kyle Taylor was absent, and Brooke Sisk attended in his place. Laura Silva, GSA Deputy Director, was present as a member of the public.

Welcome: Kevin welcomed everyone to the meeting and started the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: Darla made a motion and Lee seconded to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2022 meeting. Brooke abstained as she was not present at that meeting.

Public Comments: None to report currently.

MUSEUM CURATOR INPUT:

⇒**School Visits:** May - 10 schools, 682 children, 175 adults, 857 total
June – 4 schools, 301 children, 23 adults, 324 total

⇒**Total Museum Visits (Not including the school visits):**

May: Adults - 637 Children - 355 Total - 992 **2019** – 1288 total
June: Adults – 424 Children – 326 Total – 750 **2019** – 864 total

*Darla suggested getting a wireless counter to avoid having to manually count people.

⇒**Donations:**

- Alan Wells has offered 2 Tulare County Nat'l Bank bags and wedding hats c. 1955. Kevin made a motion to accept the items, Joanne seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Wayne Pendoca has offered Indian stones. Kevin made a motion to decline the items, Darla seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- American Legion Post 18 has offered two uniforms. Kevin made a motion to accept the items, Joanne seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Nancy Overstreet has offered a couple of sets of encyclopedias (photos). Lee made a motion to decline the items, Darla seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Roger Dilbeck has offered die cast tractors and farm equipment. Lee made a motion to decline the items, Brooke seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Brian Coulson has offered a ledger from the Tulare County Justice of the Peace from 1896. Kevin made a motion to refer the donor to the Tulare County Library History Room where it can be used for research, Brooke seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Darla abstained from the vote as the County Librarian.

⇒**Maintenance and exhibit update:**

- Bob and Stan have completed the Record Building and cleaned the equipment on display and visitors can now tour the inside again.
- Installed Caminos exhibit and had opening reception on June 24 and the first platca on July 10.
- Groundbreaking ceremony for the new building was on June 16.
- Jessika and I set up the Balch Park Museum on June 29.
- Amy has been meeting with TCHS for the fundraiser (October 1)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

⇒**Budget:** Amy reviewed the distributed budget with the board and indicated that it shows the preliminary year-end totals. The only line that exceeded the budget was the facilities charges.

⇒ **New Building Project:** Brooke reported that Kyle called the permit office because things were taking too long and found out they were treating the change orders as a new project. They should have the permits soon. Amy has given the colors of the exterior and roll up doors to Victor to submit. Foundation will be done first and then when the steel is ordered and arrives the project should move quickly. Amy informed the board that cement has been hard to come by and scheduling the foundation pour may take some time as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

⇒ Basket Collection Organization: Amy brought to the board that it may be a good idea to have the basket collection appraised. Bryan Taylor just helped MKPS and the Three Rivers Museum with their collection and Amy would like to investigate it for insurance purposes. The board agreed to get more information before moving forward with this project, but that it is a good idea. The collection has not been appraised in at least 15 years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

⇒ Jessika is now full-time, and we are hiring another part-time person.
⇒ Brooke made the announcement that the Sheriffs Office is going to be holding their Winter Wonderland Light Show at Mooney Grove Park on December 9-11 and will be set up around the museum. Amy is planning to partner with them on the event along with the library.

CURATOR REPORT:

⇒ Darla and Amy went to the Serving With A Purpose conference on May 19.
⇒ Amy Spoke at the Tulare Noon Rotary on May 25. Darla announced that the Library got a grant from the Rotary Foundation for a projector and art hanging system that will hopefully be in place around the end of the year.

The meeting is adjourned at 3:00 p.m. **Next meeting** scheduled for **September 15, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**