

TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

November 17, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.

The Museum Board members met on November 17, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were Kevin Caskey, Amy King, Darla Wegener, Joanne Ledbetter, and Kyle Taylor. Lee Terkelsen was absent.

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

Approval of the Minutes: Kyle made a motion and Joanne seconded to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2022 meeting.

Public Comments: None to report currently.

MUSEUM CURATOR INPUT:

⇒**School Visits:** September - 1 school, 87 children, 20 adults, 107 total
October – 2 schools, 64 children, 34 adults, 98 total

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

September: Adults - 414 Children - 262 Total - 676	2019 – 874 total
October: Adults – 269 Children – 579 Total – 848	2019 – 877 total

⇒**Donations:**

- Beatrice Carr has offered a blank report card and history on Neva Detrich, her great aunt that was a school teacher. Joanne made a motion to accept the items, Darla seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Diane Ledford has offered two Southeast Asian stitcheries. Kevin made a motion to accept the items, Darla seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Lee Coats has offered a pulley and wooden molds from the Coats Foundry and Machine Shop of Visalia. Kevin made a motion to accept the items, Kyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Mary Cargill offered a blanket with sites from Visalia and two framed photos of Mineral King. Kevin made a motion to accept the items, Kyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

⇒**Maintenance and exhibit update:**

- Louis Whitendale has been working on the model train and we have two new engines.
- Working with TCOE on 2023 History Day
- Fence repair behind blacksmith shop
- Closed Balch Park Museum for the season
- Veterans in the Classroom saw 17 veteran visits and we received 1,282 poppies

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

⇒**Budget:** Amy reviewed the distributed budget with the board and indicated that it shows the totals through November 10, 2022. The only line that was high for midyear is the facilities charges, everything else is on track. There were no questions otherwise.

⇒**New Building Project:** The roof should be done in two weeks, the fire code requires the address to be displayed in a place easily found in an emergency and Amy asked Albert to have it added to the sign at the front of the park to avoid confusion. Amy has requested the gutters be like the ones on the AG museum, so the water goes in the grass and not in the surrounding sidewalk to avoid slipping hazard. Amy accepted the grant from Rotary for \$11,000 for the signs that will be inside the building with the equipment. Amy showed a video of the mower that was restored and returned by the Visalia Vapor Trailers & Car Club.

NEW BUSINESS:

⇒ **New Logo:** Amy presented an option for a new logo for the museum for feedback. Hopefully the “at Mooney Grove” will distinguish our museum from the Tulare Historical Museum in Tulare. The suggestions were: change the plain square in the skyline to the original museum silhouette, make the barn bigger and add cutouts to match others, and for the visually impaired the all caps might be an issue and font should be sans serif. Amy will meet with the designer and make these changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

⇒ Veterans Day event will be Saturday, November 19 at 10 am
⇒ Last lecture in series is Sunday, December 11 at 1:00 pm in the theater
⇒ Winter Wonderland is December 9-11 at the museum from 6-9 pm
⇒ Darla announced that the Wilma McDaniels event at the Tulare Historical Museum will be Saturday, November 19 at 12:30
⇒ Darla announced that the book talk for the Dawn at Mineral King Valley by Daniel Selmi book will be at the Visalia branch of the Tulare County Library on December 10 at 1:00 pm

CURATOR REPORT:

⇒ Amy reported that one extra help employee, Michelle Pyatt, has been hired and started working at the museum and the other is in the process.
⇒ Amy has sent the data to CatalogIt to transfer from PastPerfect so we will have new software soon for cataloging the collection.
⇒ The Agents of Discovery app is closer to being available for museum staff to create and then offered to the public.

The meeting is adjourned at 3:00 p.m. **Next meeting** scheduled for **January 19, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**