

TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

November 16, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

The Museum Board members met on November 16, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were Kevin Caskey, Amy King, Kyle Taylor, Darla Wegener, Lee Terkelsen, and Joanne Ledbetter. No one 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 to approve the minutes and seconded by Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None to report currently.

MUSEUM CURATOR INPUT:

⇒**School Visits:** September - 1 schools, 75 children, 20 adults, 95 total
October – 4 schools, 253 children, 47 adults, 300 total

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

September: Adults - 575 Children - 302 Total – 877	2019 – 874 total
October: Adults – 440 Children – 238 Total – 678	2019 – 877 total

⇒**Donations:**

- Don Garcia has a transit and tripod for surveying to donate. Joanne made a motion to accept the item, Darla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Frank Manchio has a pestle found on the banks of the Kaweah River in Three Rivers to donate. Kevin made a motion to accept the item, Kyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

⇒**Maintenance and exhibit update:**

- October 7 Fundraiser was a success!
- Museum staff went to Butterfield Stage Days in Porterville
- Bob & Stan are working to replace rotted wood on the Emken House and doing minor fixes around the Pioneer Village
- Museum staff attended the Library Book Festival
- Our Veterans Day event was well attended, and the program was well received.
- Amy met with the Tulare County Law Library to possibly place a rotating display in their space.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

⇒**Budget:** Amy reviewed the distributed budget with the board and indicated that it had been finalized in October. There is an increase in the office supplies for the new computers that will be issued to the museum and the specialized expenses will include the Agents of Discovery and CatalogIt subscriptions. Everything looks good as we are almost half way through the fiscal year.

⇒**New Building Project:** Amy has ordered all photos and signs and once they are received a grand opening date will be set.

NEW BUSINESS:

⇒ No new business to report at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

⇒ The Museum will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 23 & 24

⇒ Maryellen Woodcock will be joining us in January as a replacement for Joanne's seat.

⇒ The Book Festival will be held at the Visalia branch of the Tulare County Library on November 4

CURATOR REPORT:

- ⇒ Amy attended a lecture at Fresno State to honor Dr. Cha who helped with the Korean exhibit.
- ⇒ Amy spoke at a Café 210 Connect Panel on the treasures of Visalia.
- ⇒ Amy participated in a CAM networking meeting via zoom.
- ⇒ Amy met with the Ethnic Studies teachers from all high schools in Visalia Unified School District about incorporating the museum into their curriculum.

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