

TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

March 21, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

The Museum Board members met on March 21, 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:** Lee made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Maryellen. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Public Comments:** None to report currently.

4. **Museum Curator Input:**

A. **Museum Visitors:**

January: Adults - 295 Children - 134 Total – 429	2023 – 353 total
February: Adults – 457 Children – 300 Total – 757	2023 – 611 total

School Visits: January - 2 schools, 220 children, 45 adults, 265 total
February – 5 schools, 265 children, 35 adults, 300 total

B. **Donations:**

- Terry Slinde has some books to donate. Kyle made a motion to decline the item and suggest they reach out to the library, and it was seconded by Maryellen. Motion carried unanimously.
- Sheriffs' donation of items. Kevin made a motion to accept the item and it was seconded by Lee. Motion carried unanimously.
- Alan Evans has an industrial paper cutter. Lee made a motion to decline the item and it was seconded by Kevin. Motion carried unanimously.
- Tammy Watson has a telephone and mortar found in the Alpaugh area. Kevin made a motion to accept the item and it was seconded by Lee. Motion carried unanimously.
- Richard Bomhard has four stones found in the Tulare Lakebed. Lee made a motion to decline the items and to not accept any other Native American cultural items while we have the museum collection of Native American objects inventoried and it was seconded by Kevin. Motion carried unanimously.
- James Seagraves wants to loan a fire engine. Kyle made a motion to decline the item and it was seconded by Maryellen. Motion carried unanimously.

C. **Maintenance and exhibit update:**

- Tulare County Public Law Library exhibit installed and there has been great feedback already by visitors to the space.
- Hardware Store in Main Street plans have begun with Bob and Stan our volunteers to display the Bill Melton collection in the Main Street area.

5. **Unfinished Business:**

A. **Budget:** Amy reviewed the distributed budget with the board and indicated that it had been updated through March 13, 2024. No questions from the board at this time.

B. **New Building Project:** We held the grand opening for the new building on February 22 and it was very well attended with all of the Supervisors and other County appointed folks. Some of the

students from VTEC HS came as well to see their equipment that they had restored! We are so happy to have this open to the public with all of the displays done.

6. New Business:

- A. Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors (March 26)
- B. Update Strategic Plan at the end of 2024

7. Announcements:

- A. Jamboree will be on Saturday, April 27 from 10-3 at the Museum.

8. Curator Report:

- A. Amy attended the CAM conference in Long Beach and came back with lots of new information and connections from the sessions to implement at the museum.
- B. Ethnic Studies meetings with KCOE and TCOE to see about how to use the local museums as resources in the new curriculum that is being developed.
- C. Amy was a judge for History Day with TCOE again this year and participated in the Feedback Day with the students moving on to the state level of the competition. It is always great to see the students interested in history!

9. Next meeting scheduled for **May 16, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.** in the History of Tulare County Farm Labor & Agriculture Museum Theater. Meetings for 2024 will be on May16, July 18, Sept. 19, and Nov. 21.

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