

# TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.

The Museum Board members met on April 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 and Kyle Taylor. No one was absent.

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

**Approval of the Minutes:** Lee made a motion and Kyle seconded to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2022 meeting.

**Public Comments:** None to report currently.

## MUSEUM CURATOR INPUT:

⇒**School Visits:** 3 schools, 141 children, 29 adults, 170 total

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

March:            Adults-535    Children-251    Total-786        **2019** – 1428 total

⇒**Donations:**

- Wayne & Sue Geis – Mortar and pestle. Joanne made a motion to accept the items, Darla seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Tulare Historical Museum – 3 photos. Lee made a motion to accept the photos, Kyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. It was also suggested by Darla to share with the library, which Amy will.
- Judy Landers – Girl scout uniform and child's car coat. Kevin made a motion to decline the clothing, Lee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Joanne Ledbetter – highchair. Kevin made a motion to accept the item, Darla seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Steve Childers – gun. Lee made a motion to decline the item, Darla seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- REVISIT
  - M.E. Rios-Samaniego – Husband's belongings. \* Still waiting to hear back from the golf museum.
  - Katie Spalding – Grandmother's belongings. \* Just were dropped off at the museum today and Amy will go through the items and present at the next meeting.
  - Armando Alfonso – Wheat Thresher (hold?) \*Said he can hold on to it for now and will let us know if anything changes.
  - Gwen Paulus – Painting (photo) \*Retracted offer
  - Loretta Renteria – Wedding Dress (photos) Amy presented more information. Darla made a motion to accept the items, Kyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
  - AG Commissioner/Sealer – Mobile Livestock Scale (photos). Kevin made a motion to decline the item, Lee seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

⇒**Maintenance and exhibit update:**

- Bob and Stan have painted the harness shop and made a sign for it. They also painted the side of the museum near the masonic doors and repaired the restroom doors.
- Will help move items in the Record Building so there is space for them to construct a gate so people can walk in and look around but not touch the items in there. Darla suggested that there be a volunteer recognition to the Board of Supervisors with volunteers from the library and the museum.
- Looking at Blacksmith Shop as next project, possible sea train for storage?

- Caminos exhibit is planned to be installed in late May/early June and will have programming each month. Waiting to hear on some grants through Arte Americas.
- Broken window in upstairs of AG museum, The Glass Shop has been out and waiting to replace.
- Waiting on new toilet for Pioneer Village from facilities.
- New lighting installed in cultural gallery in AG museum.
- Will have gutters installed on the AG Museum to help with moss on sidewalks.
- Will have a new roll up door installed in the Middle Room gallery and a threshold on the roll up door going from the curation room to the parking lot in the AG museum.
- Amy is looking into getting a quote to paint the black fence.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

⇒**Budget:** Amy reviewed the distributed budget with the board and indicated that the spending is on track aside from the Facilities charges. Utilities were also over, but Amy confirmed that there were bills from 2021 that were just coming through and being paid now. Amy asked for any questions and there were none.

⇒**New Building Project:** The bid was awarded to Atkins Bergreen and Amy has spoken with Ed Bergreen. He said they will submit their paperwork, which Kyle said goes to the Board of Supervisors on May 3 for approval. They should be able to complete the building in four weeks once they have the steel, but that is three weeks out now and could take some time to get.

⇒**Agents of Discovery:** Museum App (Joel Krupa, Chief Admin. Officer) will join us at the May meeting to give you a more detailed overview of the program.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

⇒ The board agreed to change May meeting to May 12 since Amy and Darla will be at a workshop.

⇒ Amy brought up the idea of the Museum Board Meetings being every other month (Jan. Mar. May July Sept. Nov.) The board was in favor of the idea and so it will be an action item for the May meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

⇒ The Tulare County Museum Jamboree was a huge success! We had a great turnout and people enjoyed their visit to the museum. There was a lot of press coverage in the newspaper and on the radio.

⇒ Jessika started with the museum on March 18 and has been very helpful already.

### **CURATOR REPORT:**

⇒ Amy was a presenter for the mini conference in Fresno for the California Association of Museums.

⇒ Amy spoke at the Downtown Rotary meeting at the Marriott on Wednesday. There was not a lot of support for any volunteer work, but they did suggest applying for the grant through the foundation, which Amy will do.

The meeting is adjourned at 3:00 p.m. **Next meeting** scheduled for **May 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**