

TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

March 17, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.

The Museum Board members met on March 17, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were Kevin Caskey, Amy King, Darla Wegener, Lee Terkelsen and Kyle Taylor as Brooke Sisk's designee. Joanne Ledbetter 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 February 17, 2022 meeting.

Public Comments: None to report currently.

MUSEUM CURATOR INPUT:

⇒**School Visits:** 5 schools, 252 children, 39 adults, 291 total

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

February: Adults-505 Children-253 Total-758 **2019** – 675 total

⇒**Donations:**

- AG Commissioner/Sealer – Mobile Livestock Scale (photos) The board would like Amy to go look at the scale with Don and Carl to determine if it worth restoring and adding to the collection.
- Loretta Renteria – Wedding Dress (photos) The board would like more information before deciding.
- Gwen Paulus – Painting (photo) Amy will reach out to Gwen to get more information.
- REVISIT

M.E. Rios-Samaniego – Husband's belongings – Amy has not heard back yet.

Katie Spalding – Grandmother's belongings – Amy has not heard back yet.

Elaine Stetson – Model train – Frank and Rick from the Model Train group assessed the train set and determined it was not able to get to working condition without considerable cost. Kevin made a motion to decline the item, Darla seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Armando Alfonso – Wheat Thresher (hold?) – Amy has not heard back yet.

⇒**Maintenance and exhibit update:**

- Bob and Stan have painted the wagon barn and have installed the new sign. They have replaced the roof and stabilized the harness shop and are painting it. Stan has made a sign for this building also.
- Tulare County Museum Jamboree update: Amy has entertainment scheduled for all day, along with food trucks, activities, and information booths for visitors. It is much larger than the last year it was held and we are hoping for a good turnout!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

⇒**Budget:** Amy reviewed the distributed budget with the board and indicated that the spending is on track aside from the Facilities charges. Kyle indicated that some of the charges from building maintenance can be moved to Capital and then also the charges for Facilities going forward can be moved there.

⇒**New Building Project:** Today there was a bid walk at the museum for possible bidders on the building project to walk the site and submit any questions. Bid will open April 7 and be awarded April 26. Day one of construction should be May 9 so Amy will plan the groundbreaking ceremony the week before that. The building should be done November 5 of 2022.

⇒**Museum Board Bylaws:** Kevin made a motion to adopt the Museum Board Bylaws, Darla seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Amy will now start the process of amending the ordinance and adopting the new bylaws with the Board of Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS:

⇒ **Agents of Discovery:** Amy presented the idea of participating in the app with the museum. She met with the people that run the platform and made a demo version of a mission for the museum and learned how to edit that in the future if we go forward with the app. It would cost \$2,000 per year and would be a new way to engage visitors, especially younger ones since it can be used through a phone. Amy will see about how that can fit in the budget and report back at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

⇒ Maria Huerta has been hired as the Extra Help Museum Assistant and starts with us March 18!

⇒ The Museum became a designated autism center through IBCCES, announced March 3. News story for local tv to be aired in April, Autism Awareness month! Tomorrow the tv station will be at the museum to photograph Amy with a school group and talk with her about the program and Nellie Freeborn of Visit Visalia who can speak to Visalia becoming a destination for autism awareness.

CURATOR REPORT:

⇒ Amy was the guest for the Arts Consortium meeting of March.

⇒ Amy was a judge for History Day with TCOE.

The meeting is adjourned at 3:00 p.m. **Next meeting** scheduled for **April 21, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**