

TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

May 25, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

The Museum Board members met on May 25, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were Kevin Caskey, Amy King, Lee Terkelsen, Darla Wegener, Kyle Taylor, 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: Lee made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 16 Museum Board Meeting and seconded by Kevin. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None to report currently.

MUSEUM CURATOR INPUT:

⇒**School Visits:** March - 5 schools, 448 children, 64 adults, 512 total
April – 13 schools, 779 children, 95 adults, 874 total

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

March: Adults - 466 Children - 226 Total – 692 **2019** – 1428 total
April: Adults – 687 Children – 438 Total – 1125 **2019** – 1583 total

⇒**Donations:**

- Denise Nelson has offered an old stove from possibly the late 1800s. Lee made a motion to decline the item and Darla seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Jeff Sparks has offered a number of items that belonged to his father. Kevin made a motion to accept the items excluding the apron and handkerchief from France and Darla seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Skip Howard has offered a ledger from the Bank of Visalia. Kyle made a motion to accept the item and Darla seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Jody Vollmer has offered a player piano and three turkey saddles. Lee made a motion to decline the turkey saddles and accept the player piano upon inspection and Kyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Richard Asdorian has offered a Korean tea table and some documents related to his family and Tulare County. Kevin made a motion to decline the tea table and accept the documents and Kyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Barbara Cowan has offered a powder horn from the Philippines. Darla made a motion to decline the item and Joanne seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mike Steele has offered some Tulare County soil surveys. Kevin made a motion to refer the items to the library and Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Since there was not a quorum at the last meeting the board voted on the below items from the last meeting:

- Will Hutchinson has 9 stereoscopes and three local rodeo programs. Kevin made a motion to accept the items and Joanne seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Lee Nave has a working loom and boxes of thread, a scraper, a pump organ, a victrola player, and a desk. Kevin made a motion to accept the items and Joanne seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Elaine Dias has three photos of Mooney Grove Park. Kevin made a motion to accept the items and Joanne seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Kathy George has two uniforms worn by Alan George in WWII. Kevin made a motion to accept the items and Joanne seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- Jeff Willers has a small mortar and pestle. Kevin made a motion to accept the items and Joanne seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

⇒ **Maintenance and exhibit update:**

- We have our Agents of Discovery app up and running!
- The fence around the AG Museum has been painted.
- The Museum Jamboree was on April 15 and we had about 700 people attend!
- The new building has had an alarm installed in it for security.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

⇒ **Budget:** Amy reviewed the distributed budget with the board and indicated that it shows the totals through May 12, 2023. She indicated the budget is on track for finishing up the fiscal year.

⇒ **New Building Project:** Amy reported that the volunteers have completed the platforms. The restored equipment has been moved into the building. Hay forks have been hung for display and more equipment will be moved in over the next few weeks. The alarm has been installed in the building and deadbolts will be installed on the doors. Still addressing some issues with the building and not sure when the grand opening will be yet, but likely August sometime.

NEW BUSINESS:

⇒ Ordinance and bylaws updates – Amy distributed the original ordinance that has been edited by County Counsel and new bylaws that the board will look over and bring feedback to the next meeting. Once the museum board adopts the bylaws, they will be taken to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ⇒ Our new extra help assistant Frank is doing very well and is helpful!
- ⇒ Hunter is the new Extra Help at the Library History Room.

CURATOR REPORT:

⇒ Amy attended the American Alliance of Museums conference in Denver. There were lots of helpful classes and also made some great connections for future collaboration.

The meeting is adjourned at 3:00 p.m. **Next meeting** scheduled for **July 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** in the theater.