

TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

September 21, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

The Museum Board members met on September 21, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were Kevin Caskey, Amy King, Kyle Taylor, Darla Wegener, and Joanne Ledbetter. Lee Terkelsen 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 Joanne. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None to report currently.

MUSEUM CURATOR INPUT:

⇒**School Visits:** July - 3 schools, 66 children, 13 adults, 79 total
August – 0 schools, 0 children, 0 adults, 0 total

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

July: Adults - 432 Children - 256 Total – 688	2019 – 817 total
August: Adults – 451 Children – 250 Total – 701	2019 – 563 total

⇒**Donations:**

- Elaine Dias has 1 mortar and 3 pestles to donate. Kevin made a motion to accept the items, Darla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Bill Melton has a collection of woodworking tools his family would like to donate. Kevin made a motion to accept the items, Kyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Jody Graves has a milk machine that his family has the patent for to donate. Kyle made a motion to accept the items, Darla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Donna Hall has a calculator and adding machine to donate. Kevin made a motion to decline the item as we already have several in our collection, Kyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

⇒**Maintenance and exhibit update:**

- Museum Alliance: Oct. 27 from 3-5 pm at TCOE building Open House event for local teachers. COS scholarship program for projects at museums.
- Theater equipment has been updated and speakers re-wired.
- New cameras in the new building have been installed.
- Museum Day in Fresno at the Fresno Art Museum.
- Rotary Presentation re: grant for signs in the new building.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

⇒**Budget:** Amy reviewed the distributed budget with the board and indicated that it had been adopted and will be finalized in October with the approved numbers inputted into the system. Although this is a preliminary budget, it is likely to look very similar when finalized.

⇒**New Building Project:** Still waiting on the finer mesh to put over the openings. The gutters have been installed and signs ordered for exhibit. Amy is planning an opening event in late October with a sneak peek at the fundraiser event.

NEW BUSINESS:

⇒ No new business to report at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ⇒ Savannah has started with us and now we have four team members at the museum!
- ⇒ The Museum will have its annual Veterans Day event on Friday, November 10 at 11:00 AM
- ⇒ The Book Festival will be held at the Visalia branch of the Tulare County Library on November 4

CURATOR REPORT:

- ⇒ Our bylaws were adopted by the Board of Supervisors on September 12. Supervisor Shuklian was appointed with Supervisor Vander Poel as the alternate.

The meeting is adjourned at 3:00 p.m. **Next meeting** scheduled for **November 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** in the theater.