

El Cerrito Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dave Weinstein. Present were Barbara Hill, Dave Weinstein, Tom Panas, and Pat Shaw. Since Joanne Rubio was unable to attend the meeting Tom agreed to take the minutes.

The Minutes of the January 12, 2015 Board Meeting and the January 20, 2015 Annual Meeting were approved as submitted by the Secretary.

Castro Adobe model: Dave, Joanne, and Tom have met twice with Charlie Moran to discuss a model of the Castro Adobe. Charlie brought a cardboard model to the second meeting which allowed a very thorough and thoughtful discussion of the project. At the meeting Charlie estimated that the materials cost would be about \$600. Charlie estimates that with his current backlog he will be done in five or six months. The Board approved asking Charlie to proceed and approved spending up to \$700 for the project.

Programs:

Chung Mei: Tom brought the Board up to date on the planned activities associated with the re-opening of the original Chung Mei Home building. Education Matters, the owner of the site, has agreed to co-host with the Society a special preview visit to the site on March 11. This is in addition to the planned formal re-opening ceremony on March 23. The March 11 program will include access to most of the building and a presentation about the restoration of the building. This date may change if there are any issues with the inspection of the elevator. The Society's chief responsibilities are to prepare a flyer, invite our membership, and have a couple of people at the event to represent the Society. The March 23 event will be a larger event targeted at the entire community and have a more festive atmosphere. Education Matters will prepare the invitations for the March 23 event so the Society's chief responsibilities will be to invite our membership and have a couple of people at the event to represent the Society. The Board approved the Society's participation in both events and also approved the flyer for the March 11 event.

This Ain't No Mouse Music: The Society will talk to Suzanne Iarla about using one of the Community Days at the Cerrito Theater to screen the movie This Ain't No Mouse Music.

Tea dance: Joanne reported that the City has printed the tickets and that we are getting some loans of vintage materials for the history exhibit that will take place in the side room that opens out to the larger dance area.

Anza markers: Tom reported that Melanie Mintz has indicated that the City would be happy to join the effort to commemorate the Anza expedition with one or two markers and perhaps banners along San Pablo Avenue. Tom noted that Hale Sargent from the Park Service confirmed that he has \$1,500 in his budget that is earmarked for this project as long as it is spent by August 31. Hale also commented that while some park districts have put up Anza commemorative markers, El Cerrito would be the first city to do so. Joanne said she is still interested in being part of this effort and Tom reported that Howdy Goudy had shown interest in being part of this effort. The Board approved having Tom formally ask

Howdy to be part of the subcommittee for this effort and requested that the subcommittee continue its work on the project to commemorate the Anza expedition.

Dave reported that the Hillside festival will be held again this year. The date is May 17. After discussion the Directors approved the Society's participation in this year's Hillside festival.

It was reported that Suzanne Iarla would be happy to put up on the City's website a link to the Walking Tour brochure (and any other similar documents that we request.)

The Forge: Tom reported that he planned to have a draft of the Forge out in the first week of March. As noted last month, it will feature an article written by Barbara titled "The Wayward Photo Album."

Meeting Adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 17, 2015.