

EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES

February 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Bartke

Present: Rich Bartke, Dave Weinstein, Pat Shaw, Tom Panas, Barbara Hill

Absent: Debbie Weeks, Joanne Rubio

The Minutes of the January 15, 2015 Board meeting were approved after amending them to reflect that a possible presentation by the Rosie Park people be noted, that the minutes are the minutes of the "Board", and the proper date of the next meeting.

Annual Meeting - The annual meeting was discussed along with some email comments that had suggested the question period went on too long. The Board concluded that the length of the Q&A period had been appropriate.

Castro Adobe Model Event - All directors were pleased with the event and the Board requested that Joanne Rubio consider a presentation on the Castros for the City's Centennial event.

City's Centennial - Tom, Barbara, and Pat attended the City's initial planning and brainstorming event for the Centennial. Pat agreed to submit an application to be a member of the City's Centennial committee.

Recreation Brochure Ad - Dave will try to firm up some programs to include in the ad. It was also suggested that we include in the ad the upcoming city tours that the City and Society are co-sponsoring.

Parks Brochure - Tom spoke with Paul Grunland about the proposed parks brochure. Paul said that John A. hopes to get going on the project this spring.

Treasurer's Reports/Documents - The Board agreed that Tom should work with Pat to get her familiar with the Society's required reports and documents.

Hillside Festival - Dave asked if the Society would like to participate in the Hillside Festival this year. The Board noted that our events did not draw well last year and there was a conversation about ways to restructure our participation this year.

The Forge - Rich said he would like to see the Forge come out quarterly. The Board discussed a possible issue of the Forge that features an article about Bert's Barbershop. Another issue of the Forge could be based on the article from the Chung Mei Chronicles about the Home's dog Brownie. It was also suggested that the next issue of the Forge include a piece about planning for the Centennial.

Sparks - The Board agreed to consider a note that the former Chung Mei Home will be receiving an award from the Art Deco Society. Another possible item would be a list of notables.

EC Notables - Rich pointed out that both the Felice and Perrelli families, the founders of the Felice and Perrelli Cannery, had lived in El Cerrito and might be considered notables.

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Castro Adobe Brick Case - The Board approved full payment for the cost of the new case that was purchased to protect the adobe brick salvaged from the Castro Adobe.

Authorized Signers - The Treasurer noted that our signature cards at Mechanic's Bank were out of date. The board agreed that Rich Bartke, Dave Weinstein, Pat Shaw, and Tom Panas should be the signers on the account. The following resolution was proposed to support this action:

Be it hereby Resolved that the Board of Directors of the El Cerrito Historical Society by this resolution establishes that the authorized signers on the Community Partner checking account at Mechanics Bank should be Rich Bartke, Dave Weinstein, Pat Shaw, and Tom Panas; such signature authority to be established as soon as possible.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

Business Cards - Orders for business cards were taken: 30 for Rich, 30 for Dave, and 20 for Pat.

Plaque Chung Mei Home-Dr. Shepherd - Tom reported that a bronze plaque honoring Dr. Shepherd is being created for the former Chung Mei Home. The Society agreed that it would be appropriate to accept contributions to reimburse the owners for the cost of the Plaque.

Meeting Adjourned

Tom Panas took notes of the meeting in the Secretary's absence.
Typed and Submitted by J. Rubio, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: March 15, 2015