

EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

July 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice President David Weinstein.

Present: Pat Shaw, Joanne Rubio, Tom Panas, David Weinstein, Barbara Hill

Absent: Debbie Weeks, Rich Bartke

The Minutes of the June 15, 2015 Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance, I.R.S. Status, Anza Trail Foundation Grant

Tom reported that our bank balance was about \$13,800. He stated that the grant from the Anza Trail Foundation had not yet arrived. He also noted that the IRS has received our request for a Final Determination and is processing it. I.R.S.

Status - Tom has filed Form 8734 to request a final determination on our tax status. It takes 45-180 days.

4th of July Review Our booth at the El Cerrito 4th of July event was successful. People really enjoyed taking the Quiz Board about El Cerrito's History. We need to continue this next year. It might be helpful to put it at eye level and have 8 questions. Next year let's remember to have out a sign-up sheet.

Eucalyptus History Program - East Bay Regional Parks - Speaker: Jerry Kent - Thursday, July 30

This will be a July event co-sponsored by EQC and ECHS. It will be at City Hall. Dave will ask Nancy to make some cookies and Tom will bring some drinks. Dave will ask Maria Sanders to send out an email to the EQC list.

Anza Trail - Banners/Marker

The banners will go up within the next 2 weeks. Chris Treadway will run an article about this in the newspaper. An event is planned for August 25th to dedicate the banners and the Anza marker. The time is to be determined.

Notables List - Barbara passed out the current draft of this list.

Castro Adobe Model

We will plan to have an event to "unveil" the Castro Adobe Model in early January of next year. We are inviting Castro descendants to attend this event. Tom reported that it will be about \$300 to get a cover for the model. The Board approved this expenditure.

Rosie Movie - The ECHS is co-sponsoring this event. It will be at the Cerrito Theater on October 21, 2015.

The Forge - Joanne will write an article about Eucalyptus trees in El Cerrito, including information about a friend of Victor R. Castro who brought E. seeds from Chile.

Future Program Ideas - Kaiser Shipyards/Tom Debley (2016); Quarries; Aviation; Native Americans/Shellmounds; Castro Adobe Model (Jan. 2016).

Society Use of Rodini House or Vets Hall - It was reported that the City plans to lease the Rodini House.

Donation - Color Drawing of El Cerrito - Gene Erickson

Gene Erickson donated a color drawing of El Cerrito. The back of the drawing says "1930??" Gene got it at an estate sale. The following is written on the back..."Smily...The Indian". The Board voted and approved accepting the drawing, make a digital copy and try to research more about its story. David will ask Gene about the estate he got it from.

Murieta Rock Land - This land is for sale. The Board voted to state an interest in the land and encourage other groups to consider purchasing it. Tom will look into information about this site. Joanne will research when the name "Murieta Rock" was first used in our area.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by J. Rubio, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 17, 2015