

June 18, 2013 EC Historical Society Board of Directors meeting minutes

Rich Bartke called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. In attendance were Rich Bartke, Dave Weinstein, Barbara Hill, Joanne Rubio, and Tom Panas. Not in attendance were Joann Steck-Bayat and Debbie Weeks.

May 2013 Minutes:

The Board approved the minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting as submitted.

Recent Programs:

The Society recently cosponsored two programs. The attendance for the program at library celebrating its 100th anniversary was 150+. The attendance for the program at the Cerrito Theater about theater history was 60+. Barbara contributed \$20 toward the cost of the cake for the library program.

Brochure:

The Board suggested that we print 250 copies of the brochure for the Fourth of July event.

Patch request for articles:

The Board discussed the request from Patch for some historical articles to post on their web site. The Board's discussion centered around Patch's organization as a for-profit enterprise that is felt to be delivering very little useful content to El Cerrito. While articles from the Historical Society would enhance Patch's content, Patch appears to be asking for content without paying for it. The Board decided to decline their request for the articles.

Conference of California Historical Societies

The Board asked Barbara to gather information about joining this organization.

Future programs:

- Dave is working to arrange a program on the history of the Plaza. The Junket will host the program.
- Dave is considering a possible program about Creedence Clearwater that would take place about the same time as Creedence's upcoming performance at the Greek Theater.
- Dave is thinking about doing a second program on gambling.
- Dave is looking into a program about the Overland Trail that might be given by a local professor.

Sparks and Forge:

Rich has a few items for Sparks but we don't have an article for the Forge.

Collection Policy:

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to adopt the Collection Policy as written with the provision that the de-accession section would be modified to include recycling as an option if an item cannot be given to another organization or sold.

Fourth of July:

Dave and Tom will set up the booth. Dave will bring the canopy, the banner, Rich's tables, and the quizzes. Tom will bring the brochures, the items for sale (T-shirts, photos and Sally Rand items), and the bricks. Joanne will try to put together a coloring book and a game played by children in the past. Dave will take down the booth.

The schedule for workers is:

10-11 Dave

11-3 Barbara

1-3 Tom

3-5 Joanne

5-6 Dave

Dave will send a note to Joann requesting an email be sent to the members requesting volunteers to help staff the booth.

Walking Tour brochure:

Rich showed an example for walking tour brochure and the Board discussed the subject.

Castro Door:

The Board discussed the request from the El Sobrante Historical Society to exhibit the Castro door at the El Sobrante Stroll. Tom was asked to inquire about the following: is indoors a possibility; if outdoors will the door be in the shade; how would the door be displayed; how would the door be transported; would the door ever be left unattended?

PA System:

Tom was requested to try to purchase a system that is easy to use, that is not too heavy, and that can support at least two microphones - including one that is remote.

El Cerrito Modern film:

Dave has seen the film. Since it includes no El Cerrito material or references it was decided to decline the request to co-sponsor the showing of the film.

Noteworthy and famous:

Several names were discussed regarding the noteworthy and famous list.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting of the Board will be held on July 16. The Board was reminded that since at the May meeting it was agreed to permanently establish the third Tuesday of the month at 4:30 in the Shadi Room as the official meeting date, time and place for all future regularly scheduled Board meetings, all future regular meeting dates are now known.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Tom Panas, Acting Secretary