

El Cerrito Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2015

Present: Rich Bartke, Tom Panas, and Pat Shaw

The Board approved the minutes of the February 17, 2015 Meeting.

Rich noted that Dave and Debbie had not supplied any further details on their comments at the annual meeting. He asked that the Secretary describe their comments in the minutes of the annual meeting so the minutes could then be approved.

Rich may not be able to attend the Chung Mei Home event on March 23, so Dave or Tom will speak for the Society. Pat noted that the March 11 sneak preview event at the Home was very well attended, with about 100 people visiting.

Tom noted that the tickets for the Tea Dance had been printed and were being sold. Both a band and a DJ have been arranged and several historic artifacts will be on exhibit in the side room.

Rich noted that Lois Boyle had asked Rich to take a look at the "TEPCO chair" and has given him contact information for the person who created it, Tina Amidon. Lois thought the Society might want the chair, which was created three or four years ago. The Board discussed the chair, that it was created as an outdoor exhibit, but that it has not withstood the elements well. It was noted that the Richmond Museum had paid several thousand dollars for the chair, which could make acquisition by the Society challenging even if the Society had a place to store it. Rich will go to see it since he has already told the artist he would do so.

Rich talked about co-sponsoring a film at the Cerrito Theater with the Rosie Foundation. He has spoken to someone who thinks the Society's use of a theater "Community Day" for this would not make it any harder to use a Community Day for This Ain't No Mouse Music in a few months. Rich couldn't remember who told him this but he didn't think it was a person from the City.

The Castro Adobe model is progressing. Tom reported that the ground floor was about done.

Tom commented that neither the Society nor the IRS appears to have any record of a Letter of Determination for the Society; all we have is the preliminary letter based on our initial filing for 501(c)(3) status. Tom talked with the IRS about this; to get a Letter of Determination we will need to file some forms and pay a fee of \$400. Tom thought we should start on this now because the IRS does not answer the phone after April 15. Rich recommended that we wait on this until he can check his copies of early Society corporate records.

Rich noted that the Murietta Rock property owned by Richard Lompa is on the market.

Both Pat and Tom noted that they had received very positive feedback on Barbara's feature article in The Forge.

Tom reported that he would not be able to attend the April Board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 21, 2015.