

May 21, 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.

April 2013 Minutes:

The Board approved the minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting as submitted.

El Cerrito Library 100th Anniversary:

As previously discussed in email, Tom will supply a cake for the event and Barbara will contribute \$15-20 to help pay for it. Rich said he would match Barbara's \$15 contribution.

Upcoming meetings:

The Society is co-sponsoring, along with the Friends of the Cerrito Theater, an event about theater history at the Cerrito Theater on June 15. Dave is also considering a meeting about the history of El Cerrito Plaza, perhaps to be held at the Junket. This meeting would be later this summer or in the fall.

Shadi Room Reference Policy:

The Board approved the Reference policy as last submitted, with the understanding that the word "Scholarly" will be removed.

Society Collection Policy:

The Board members requested several changes to the Collection Policy that was submitted the previous week. Barbara and Tom agreed to have an updated version ready for review by the Board before the next Board meeting.

Brochure:

Board members requested some changes to the draft Brochure. Tom said he would incorporate them and get a new version distributed before the end of the following week.

Sparks & Forge

Tom agreed to draft short pieces on the Reference Policy, Collection Policy, and the program at the Library. Dave will draft a paragraph on the Theater program and a brief piece on the history of Stege Sanitary. Rich would like these pieces by the end of the month. Barbara offered her piece about the wayward photo album as an article for the Forge.

Urban Greening:

The Board agreed to help the City inform the public about the Urban Greening Survey. This will be done by: i) having the Urban Greening Brochure available at the Historical Society table at the June 14 Library event and ii) distributing to our mailing list an email drafted by the City regarding the Urban Greening Survey,

Web Site:

No update was available.

Fourth of July:

The Society will pay the extra \$25 to change our July 4 registration to allow us to sell Society materials. Tom will take care of this. Rich will draft a quiz to be used. Joanne will think about possible ideas directed at children.

Donation:

Tom asked the Board if the Society would like to accept the donation of a door from Patricio Castro's Ranch in El Sobrante. The door is circa 1900. It is being donated by a direct descendent of Victor Castro. The Board noted that we have space in the Shadi Room for the door and unanimously agreed to accept the door.

Chung Mei Home:

Dave noted that a descendent of Charles Sheperd has inquired about the status of and plans for the Chung Mei Home for Chinese Boys. Tom agreed to make contact and bring the person up to date.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting of the Board will be held on June 18. The Board 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Tom Panas, Acting Secretary