

EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES
May 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Bartke

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

Absent: Debbie Weeks

The Minutes of the April 21, 2015 Board Meeting were approved.

Big Band Era Tea Dance & History Exhibit - Report

People who attended enjoyed the music, dance and History Exhibit. About 36 people attended and all expenses were covered. There was a small amount left over which will go to the El Cerrito Senior Center. The History Exhibit included 1930 era items from Debbie and her daughter. Ginny (Breneman Staley) Burns set up an exhibit about her dad, Joe Staley, and radios. The walls displayed quotes from our pioneers as well as photos/text of about 12 places in El Cerrito where folks could go to dine dance, enjoy music of the era and hear a variety of talented musicians.

I.R.S. Status - Tom has filed Form 8734 to request a final determination on our tax status.

Independence Day Booth - July 4th

Tom: Register us for a booth; Pay fee for us to sell items; Set up booth; Print new pictures chosen; Take 1st shift

David: Tear down the booth at the end of the day; Take the last shift

Joanne: Print/assemble "El Cerrito History Coloring Book-150 copies; Take the last shift; suggest new ECHS photos

Pat & Barbara: Take a shift on July 4th at the ECHS booth

Rich: Will let us borrow two small tables

Dr. Breneman's Great-granddaughter - Virginia (Ginny) to Volunteer Ginny is interested in helping the society now that she has moved back to the area. Joanne will invite Ginny to the next Board Meeting.

Marge Collins - Donation - The Board agreed it was okay to discard plaques that we receive from donors with consent.

Web Site Report - The Mira Vista History Talk and Rosie Movie will be put on the "Events" page of the ECHS Web site.

"This Ain't No Mouse Music" - Perhaps we can show the movie at City Hall or Comm. Ctr. Try Cerrito Theater first.

Anza Trail - Banners/Marker

The Anza Trail Committee has selected one image for 6 banners and 1 free-standing marker. The banners will be displayed in the Spring on San Pablo Avenue. It has been suggested that the marker be placed in front of the El Cerrito Safety Building or at Baxter Creek. We are on the agenda for the Arts & Culture Commission on June 1st.

Notables List - Barbara proposed a new name for this list on the website..."Notable People with El Cerrito Connections". This list is 8 pages long so far. Pat shared the work she had done on the Nobel Prize winners.

Castro Adobe Model

Charlie Moran will meet soon with the committee to go over final plans for the Castro Adobe Model. He hopes to have it completed at the beginning of June. He has done an excellent job on this model!

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

Mural @ El Cerrito Community Center - This may be Public Art so we need to find out about CA Law on this matter.

Shadi Holiday Display - Protection and Memorilializing Rich asked for ideas about how the ECHS might help in this matter. Tom suggested proposing that it be added to the CC County Register of Historical Resources. The last he heard was that you have to pay a \$200 application to be considered to be on the list.

The Forge - Barbara would like to write an article about Camp Herms Scout leader Les Simonsen. This would be to explain why there is a rock with a plaque on it at the Camp Herm location. She will interview Rich to get more information.

Program Ideas - Dave: Quarries; Aviation; Native Americans/Shellmounds

Meeting Adjourned

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 16, 2015