

EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 20, 2018

Present: David Weinstein, Barbara Hill, Joanne Rubio, Tom Panas, Chris Horn

Absent: Pat Shaw, Chris Sterba

Minutes: The Minutes of the February 20, 2018 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: March's Treasurer report will be presented next month.

Public Comment: The Board approved setting aside 5-10 minutes for public comments.

John Falconer introduced himself and his interest in serving on the Board.

Other potential Board members have been invited to attend. Tom has spoken to several people about this possibility.

Application for New Board members: This "Application" form was revised and approved. It will come back to the Board for one final review.

Re-Cap Bev Ortiz - Native Americans in El Cerrito - March 15 - Comm. Ctr./Garden Room

Bev Ortiz's presentation was well attended. Dave sent her a thank you letter. Chris Horn reported on the program and on the business part of the meeting.

Video & Programs on Web: The board approved Dave's proposal of creating a ECHS YouTube channel where we can post movies, oral histories, audio-visual recordings of our programs and more. John Falconer presented a video presentation of the recent Gary Prost's program on geology. John is willing to oversee this project for the ECHS, working closely with Dave and Tom. The Board did have some concerns about securing content and getting participants permission. The over all goal would be to increase knowledge of EC history. The Board approved the cost of software for this...under a "restricted" fund for \$50.

Video Interviews: Dan Holzner is working on this project. We need to develop a waiver for people being interviewed to sign. Chris Sterba suggested a form that the American Association for State and Local History uses.

Sparks

David will write up a Sparks monthly starting in March. The March Sparks will include a tribute to Lucille Irish and Paul Grunland. (Rich Bartke wrote a piece about Lucille that will be used.)

Forge

Louis Hagen-Barbara submitted a first draft of this article.

Civil War - El Cerrito & Calif - Chis H. is writing this article.

Castro Family Parade Article/Photos

Janice Castro is working on an article regarding the Castro family's involvement in the Centennial Parade to be published with photos. Joanne and Tom are in touch with Janice. It will be put on the ECHS Website and sent to our membership. This could be a Forge article.

Contra Costa History Alliance & Scan-a-thon: Barbara reported on the recent meeting of this group that she attended. The Board decided not to participate in the "Scan-a-thon".

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ECHS Bylaws - Update

Chris Horn reported that the Bylaws had passed unanimously at the meeting on March 15th. Before the vote was taken the required number of Directors was changed to "at least four".

POSSIBLE PROGRAMS

Architecture Hike - Dave proposed an architecture hike for our May program.

Dr. Joseph T. Breneman - Joanne will contact Ginny about doing a presentation on her gr-gr grandfather who was one of the first doctors in El Cerrito. (Ginny's great-aunt was Fay Breneman--- El Cerrito's first librarian and taught at Fairmont Elementary.)

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Gambling - Sometime in June. Need to set a date.

Art Cars - Dave is in touch with local "Art Car" folks.

Sunset View Cemetery - July 7 - Tom will lead this program as a walking tour around the cemetery.

Les Blank Documentary - Cerrito Theater.

Hillside Festival - Co-sponsored with Trail Trekkers.
This will be a 3-day event with a series of evening presentations.

House Tour - Campbell & Wong International Style house on View Avenue - April or May

Donation Update: We received 1)the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce archive; 2) Banner called "Order of the Owls" dated Nov. 1, 1915, El Cerrito";

Proposed Bench to Honor Rich Bartke:

Dave is working on this project with the City of El Cerrito and Jane Bartke. Hopefully it will be placed overlooking the Shadi display on city-owned land. Jane will raise funds for the bench. The Board approved a donation of \$200 and agreed to be the sponsoring organization for this project.

FYI - Playland Not at the Beach is closing.

San Pablo Historical Society: We will include some information about the San Pablo Historical Society in the next Sparks about concerns facing this Society. Joanne will contact the President of that board, Janet to connect with them.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by J. Rubio, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 17, 2018