El Cerrito Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes Nov. 20, 2018

Present: David Weinstein, Chris Horn, Tom Panas, Pat Shaw, Joanne Rubio

Minutes: Minutes of Prior meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Mechanics Bank Nov. 20, 2018)

Income: Dues \$300.00

Expenses: Refreshment Oct. 14 House Tour \$150.00

Printing Forge \$93.07

Mailing Forge \$98.84

Ink cartridges - Shadi Room \$235.96

\$577.87

Restricted Funds: \$5,500.00 Unrestricted Funds: \$12,554.96 Cash Balance: \$18,054.96

Discussion regarding an old project - Chung Mei Chronicles
Digitized papers from 1948 - 1952 by Tom
Tom had the papers rebound
Talked about publicize the availability of the information - Chinese Historical Society of SF

Events:

"Gamblers Tour" on Nov. 11, 2018 was a success with a modest turnout The smoke in the air may have discouraged some - we'll do another tour in March 2019

"Annual Meeting" Jan. 20, 2019 Joel Selvin to speak about Creedence Clearwater Revival

Dave spoke of having another event regarding CCR with speaker Alec Palao, who knows about the early years.

Talked about making 2019 the year of Creedence Clearwater Revival in El Cerrito

- Publish a CCR brochure
- Marker of some sort

"Hillside Festival" May 3-5 2019

"Pioneers Day" Summer 2019

- Gather names and contact for future event
- Born in El Cerrito and 90+ age
- Get permission to publish/archive stories of new contacts
- If possible, do same for stories from 2014 "Pioneers Day" event

Other possible topics:

History of El Cerrito Trees
Earl Flat Top Smith
WPA Parks projects, Pennies for Parks - early 1960's
Architecture Tour - the Hills
Historic Home Tour - Storybook 20's 30's, other ideas
Genealogy Event
Local Journalism: Rise and Fall - panel discussion
Chris Treadway's Book - have a publication event

Other topics:

List of Historical Buildings - Cultural Survey - Dave and Tom will make another tour to review areas just off San Pablo Ave. Homes east of the BART tracks. Gathered information for historical consultants for Historical Preservation Ordinance - focusing on historical value and possible threat.

Sparks - Need to pull together topics for next release

Forge - Chris' Civil War article was published in Nov. Next topic - Mabuchi Floral Shop preservation that Dave and Tom will work on together.

History of City Hall – for future Forge – Barbara has been doing newspaper research. Wishes she had a photo of the 'Portable Era'. Might contact City Clerk.

Castro descendant - has adobe stuff and family stories to show/share - Joanne emailed towards setting up a visit.

Donations:

Tom mentioned having El Cerrito Planning Documents and Annual Reports.

Next Meeting: Tuesday December 18, 2018