

El Cerrito Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes

Sept. 18, 2018

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

Minutes: Minutes of Prior briefly reviewed. A longer discussion involved who will take minutes at meeting and in the future. Chris volunteered. It was agreed that the minutes should be made available within one week of the meeting, with an extended timeframe of two weeks. They should summarize discussions and note upcoming events.

Treasurer's Report: (Mechanics Bank Aug. 31, 2018)

Seven new members since the July Cemetery Tour.

Income: Due \$50.00

Expenses: None

Restricted Funds: \$5,500.00

Unrestricted Funds: \$12,654.96

Cash Balance: \$18,154.96

Events:

"Senior Resource Fair" Oct. 3, 2018

Pat will be there along with others. Joanne to drop off table decorations.

"Mid-Century Modern Architecture of Campbell & Wong" Oct. 14, 2018

To be held at two residences with Dave and host opening with remarks. Then the tours of the home will begin, with docents monitoring rooms. Followed by refreshments - motion taken to spend up to \$150 from Society. There is a maximum 60 attendees, 30 signups so far, hosts will fill some of the slots, Dave figures the maximum will be reached.

"Gambling Walking Tour" Nov. 11, 2018

To start in Plaza parking lot near Macaroni Grill at 12:00 PM. Chris to give Dave the flyer description before he leaves on vacation - Tues. 9/25/18.

“Annual Meeting” Jan. 2019

A topic has to be chosen and arranged

“Genealogy Event” Winter 2019

“Pioneers Day” Summer 2019

Other topics:

List of Historical Buildings – gather information for historical consultants for Historical Preservation Ordinance. Dave and Tom toured San Pablo Ave., including the Little Italy 11,000 block, reviewing possible buildings to include on the list. Focusing on historical value.

Storage and Research – talked about reorganizing room and identify any items that might be stored somewhere else. Discussed buying more shelving and storage cabinets, what are the steps towards doing so and if the City needs to be involved. Maybe put the Cerrito Theater display on top of a new storage cabinet.

New Library – will there be a space dedicated to the Historical Society. Dave visited other Bay Area libraries and was impressed with space and displays of historical objects, especially Los Gatos. Dave to draft a proposal for ECHS space to the Library Foundation.

Sparks – Dave will draft one with topics to include Mid-Century Modern Architecture house tour, Tepco Exhibit in Martinez, Playland closing and auction, past copies of the Journal donated, Gambling walking tour in November.

Forge – Chris to finalize Civil War article and give to Tom for October publication.

Playland – Sad that it closed, lost institution, and Dave received many copies of Circus Times. Dave also has the names of those who bought the Circus Display.

History of City Hall – Barbara has been doing newspaper research. Wishes she had a photo of the ‘Portable Era’.

Early 1900's photos donation - Joanne mentioned a family wants to donate along with stories. Maybe Tom has them or knows about them. (Tom had to leave the meeting before this topic brought up)

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 16, 2018