

## EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES

February 20, 2018

Dave Weinstein called the meeting to order at 4:35.

**Directors Present:** Dave Weinstein, Chris Horn, Barbara Hill, Pat Shaw, Chris Sterba, and Tom Panas.

**Directors Absent:** Joanne Rubio was not able to attend.

The Minutes of the December 20 and January 16 Board meetings were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Shaw reported on the financial status of the Society. We currently have \$16,801.21 in cash.

**Proposed application form for new Board members:** Tom Panas presented a draft for discussion. The Board reviewed the draft and agreed that "City Hall" should be cited as the location of the Board meetings. The Board also suggested clearly stating that members of the Board are expected to participate in Society activities. Tom and others will continue trying to find new Board members.

**Bylaw revisions:** The Board approved a redline version of the bylaws that incorporated all the changes that were discussed at the last meeting. The most significant change was increasing the maximum number of directors from 7 to 9. The Board agreed the revised bylaws should be presented to the membership for approval at the March 15 meeting.

**Upcoming meeting:** Dave noted that he cannot attend the meeting and Native American program on March 15, so Chris Horn will run it with assistance from Chris Sterba. Tom Panas can help set up but cannot stay for the program. It was agreed to open the room at 6:00 PM to allow plenty of time for the presenter, Bev Ortiz, to get set up.

**Upcoming editions of the Forge:** Tom said that the Forge with a story about stagecoaches would be out by the end of this month. It was decided to follow with Chris Horn's article about the Civil War in the spring and then Barbara Hill's article about Louis Hagan in the summer. We are hoping that Janice Castro can give us an article about the Castro family in the fall.

**Anniversary Event:** Dave reported that he is not getting any interest in formally recognizing the City's 101st birthday. The Board decided to discontinue further activity on this. Dave suggested that we have Los Arribeños come play at the annual meeting next year. He estimated this would cost about \$400. There was discussion about the cost and some Board members agreed to contribute \$250 to cover the cost of hiring the band. There will be further discussion about this at the next Board meeting.

**Outreach:** Chris Sterba suggested trying to get young people involved by paying them a stipend or some other form of payment in exchange for working 15 or 20 hours this summer. There was considerable discussion about this item, primarily covering the actual benefit to the Society, the cost of doing this, whether we should be paying individuals to do a few hours of work while others spend many hours a year supporting the Society, and the paperwork potential that could be involved. There was also concern about proper supervision for the intern.

**Video interviews:** Dave commented that Dan Holzner is interested in doing video interviews of old-timers and others knowledgeable about historic events in El Cerrito. The Board discussed this and concluded that we should encourage Dan to proceed on this.

**Nursery Exhibit:** Chris Sterba reported that a number of people enjoyed the Japanese Nursery photos at the Korematsu Middle School fundraiser and that the photos are now on exhibit at Korematsu Middle School. The exhibit is scheduled to close at the end of March.

**Donations:** The remainder of the Chamber of Commerce archive should be donated to the Historical Society by the end of the month. Dan Holzner has donated more of the videos that he has taken, including some time lapse photography of the recycling center before construction and during reconstruction.

**Shadi sheep:** It was noted that some of the Shadi committee's sheep that were removed from the history room by the Shadi committee in December and have not yet been returned. Board members were reminded that these sheep belong to the Shadi committee and were on loan for exhibit here, so the Shadi committee can do whatever it feels is appropriate with the sheep.

**Donation of reader for visually impaired:** The Board declined the donation of a magnifying device for enlarging text and photographs.

Minutes taken by Tom Panas