

# EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES

**JANUARY 16, 2018**

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

**Absent:** Chris Horn, Barbara Hill

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the December 19, 2017 Board meeting were approved.

## **Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2017**

Income:	Dues	\$25.00
Expenses:		None
Restricted Funds:		\$5,500.00
Unrestricted Funds:		<u>\$11,435.64</u>
Total Cash Balance/Mechanics		\$16,935.64

## **Conflict of Interest**

This document was completed and signed by all Directors present at this meeting. Barbara and Chris H. will sign at the February meeting. Tom will bring copies to be signed. We will do this every year.

**Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 14, 2018 - El Cerrito Community Center - 3:00 p.m.**

**Presentation: Gary Prost - Geology of El Cerrito**

The Board agreed the Annual Meeting was a success and Gary's presentation was well received.

## **ECHS Bylaws - Update**

The Board read, discussed and agreed to changes of the bylaws. The Board approved changing the bylaws to increase the Board of Directors from 7 to 9. Tom will make a red-line copy that includes all of the changes. We will go over this copy at the February meeting and present it for approval at our next membership meeting/program. A week before that meeting David will send a notice that includes all the proposed changes to the membership.

**Possible Board Members/Volunteers** - Michael DeWitt and John Falconer are interested in being on the Board or serving in some way. They were unable to come to the January meeting but will come to a future meeting.

## **Diversity on the Board of Directors**

The Board had a discussion of how to increase our Board's diversity. Suggestions: hold at least 1 spot on the board, contact churches/high school, ask around

## **Sparks**

David will write up a Sparks monthly starting this year.

## **Forge**

The Board is considering asking members if they want to receive the Forge via e-mail. We will include this question on our "Due's Statement".

**Stage Coach in El Cerrito - Finished** - Joanne submitted this article for publishing.

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

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

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## **Korematsu - Rights Awareness - Fund Raising for El Cerrito High School - January 30, 2018**

Chris S. received permission to place several of our "Japanese Flower Growers" photos in a display locked case at the high school for a month. He will stay with the photos used at the evening event on January 30, 2017. The Board asked that mention will be made of the El Cerrito Historical Society in any publication by the PTA or school.

## **Castro Family Parade Article/Photos**

The Board approved asking Janice Castro about writing an article regarding the Castro family's involvement in the Centennial Parade to be published with photos of the parade and a group picture of the Castro families. Joanne and Tom will work on this project. It will be put on the ECHS Website and sent to our membership. This could be a Forge article or a separate publication.

## **Proposed Donation - Photo Magnifier from Nick Arzio**

Tom will find out more about it.

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

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

Focus on Ohlone/Huchiun people living in our area. This event is all set. Dave will send a flyer announcing this event.

**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.

### **El Cerrito's Birthday - August - (Possibly make this a yearly event.)**

Music and presentation - Possibly invite musicians that played at recent Art/Culture Day. Cost would be around \$800 for full band or less for a few members of the band. David, Joanne and Chris S. are willing to work on this. This is just an idea and needs more discussion.

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

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by J. Rubio, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 20, 2018**