

## EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES

May 15, 2018

Dave Weinstein called the meeting to order at 4:30.

Directors Dave Weinstein, Barbara Hill, and Pat Shaw, were present. John Falconer was also present. Director Chris Sterba has resigned and Directors Tom Panas and Joanne Rubio had notified the President that they would not be able to attend the meeting.

A quorum was not present so no policy or operational decisions could be made.

Treasurer. Better than last year, Pat says, more income from membership around \$50 more.

Programs. Dave reports success of Hillside Fest, 300 plus people, historical events well attended, good talk by Richard Schwartz. Discusses plans for next year. Drop vague events, more with strong educational appeal. Maybe a hike to rear of recycling center to see Hillside, geology and nature, geared to those with mobility issues.

Pat suggests Dave follow through on board decision from last year to buy a portable sound system. Dave promises to do so. Benefit for outdoor hikes, like upcoming cemetery tour.

Pat suggests another program on trees, tree history, like one we did several years ago. Discussion follows, with idea of Dave tracking down speakers, history of trees in EC. Maybe Ralph Boniello who gave tree hike at Hill Fest.

Barb suggest program at Hillside Swedenborgian Church, not sure what angle; she's interested in its architecture. Dave will look into. He notes importance of Swedenborgian leader in San Fran to development of Bay Tradition rustic architecture and how that carries over into the church here.

Forge, Sparks. Barbara will finish her piece on Hagen for June publication in Forge.

She will ask Tom if we have photo. Dave will send her contact info for vets so she can see if they have one. Dave also suggests we could use a period veterans photo if none could be found of Louis Hagen.

Policy for lending society equipment. Held over till more people here.

Bench to honor Rich Bartke. Dave reports that Jane Bartke is finalizing location, looking to buy a back-less bench, and that Tom's proposed plaque wording:

Bench placed here by the El Cerrito Historical Society in honor of Rich Bartke, a former councilperson and mayor of El Cerrito. He was also one of the founding members of the Historical Society" has been forwarded to her.

Barbara still prefers a two-sided bench rather than back-less. But that is not our call.

Donation updates. None.

Rodini house threat. Dave reports that Tom spoke to city officials who say city can do nothing. We will continue to watch as house aces potential; damage by elements.

Video on web. No progress, Dave reports.

General discussion on how society is doing. Dave apologizes for not getting more going with programs, blames being president of two groups, etc. Promises to do better. Asks how board members feel about state of society.

Need a museum, Barbara says; running out of space; big problem. Dave suggests moving this to front burner.

Proposal to add history of city hall to our website. Idea from Laureteen Brazil and other city employees. Dave proposes and

Barbara agrees to dig up information. First city hall, 1926, then 1940 the Art deco converted building, then portables, then new city hall. Dave will talk to city officials and maybe architect about photos of the new city hall. Barbara will see what we have in the archives – plenty it turns out – about the others. Hope to have something together soon. Dave suggests it could be a Forge article.

Minutes taken by Dave Weinstein