

EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES

September 26, 2017

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

Absent: Chris Sterba

Guests: Chris Horn

Minutes: The Minutes of the August 15, 2017 Board meeting will be reviewed at the Oct. meeting.

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2017

Income:	Dues	\$45.00
Expenses:	Band-Rialto Centennial Event	\$100.00 (Cerrito Theater)
Restricted Funds:		\$5,500.00
Unrestricted Funds:		\$11,429.14
Total Cash Balance at Mechanics Bank:		\$16,929.14

Shadi Committee Request

We had a request from the Shadi Display Committee to use the Historical Society's mailing list for their fund-raising letter. After some discussion of Rich's note to the Board and this request, the Board approved mentioning the Shadi Display and giving a link for our members to go to the Shadi Display website in the next SPARKS.

Upcoming Centennial Events & Program Recaps

Time Capsule Dedication was attended by about 35 people. After the dedication many folks came in the Shadi Room to look around as the event was across the hall. The Cerrito Theater event was a success. Some folks dressed in period costumes and the classic cars and band music added to the ambiance. Dan Holzner is making a movie of the event. About 50 members of the Castro family, descendants of Victor Ramon Castro and Luisa Martinez de Castro, came for the Centennial Parade. Joanne R. met them at the staging area and assisted with logistics. They walked, rode in cars and rode 6 horses.

***Remembering Our Local Japanese Heritage - Thursday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., Arlington Clubhouse**

Tom Panas, will discuss the community from its origins circa 1900, through the prosperous years where many pioneered the important East Bay flower growing industry, though the dark days of World War II internment, and beyond. Dave will post an announcement on the "Next Door" website. Contra Costa County Historical Society will attend, present briefly and bring beverages/cookies.

***Centennial Senior Resource Fair - Wed, October 4, 9:00-Noon, El Cerrito Community Center**

Pat, Barbara and Joanne will attend this event representing the ECHS at a table displaying our brochures and chatting with interested folks. Tom will bring over materials and Joanne will bring decorations for the table as well as a Castro Adobe photo binder and Ohlone information binder.

***History of Hillside Natural Area: Walk & Talk - Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. - Noon**

David Weinstein, Mark Miner and Ralph Boniello will lead a hike focusing on the natural and human history of this 100-plus acre open space within El Cerrito. (Sponsored by the El Cerrito Historical Society, Trail Trekkers, Friends of Five Creeks and the Environment Quality Committee.)

***Speakers Bureau - Saturday, October 21** - Rich plans to give a talk. David will follow up on this to see what if any support is needed. A new request has come in from the Pinole Senior Center. Dave is working on scheduling.

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Recent Donations

- *Photo display by Deb Weeks that was shown at the Gala and can be used in the future.
- *Historic promotional boards and poster from Friends of the Cerrito Theater from 2002.
- *Original Trail Trekkers trail maps on foam-boards from EC Trail Trekkers.
- *Madera Open Space -Material about proposed development-2000's-from Bea O'Keefe
- *Plans to donate Slide Show from the Cerrito Theater event -music/images-Michael DeWitt; sound-Jeff Lichtman; images chosen by Tom Panas from our ECHS Photo Collection. This is something we can show and possibly put on You-Tube.

Programs for 2018

- 1) Modern Home Tour
- 2) History of Earl Flat Tom Smith by Smith's two sons and Dave W.
- 3) Geology of El Cerrito
- 4) Sunset View Cemetery tour by Tom P.
- 5) Ohlone People in El Cerrito - possibly ask Bev Ortiz (East Bay Regional Park) to speak
- 6) Art Cars
- 7) Annual Meeting

SPARKS

Tom P. and Dave W. will work on this and send it out in the next week.

FORGE (Titles are tentative)

November 2017 - 1855-1860 Stage Coach Line Through El Cerrito - by Joanne Rubio

January 2018 - Luis Hagen-WWI - by Barbara Hill

March 2018 - The Civil War: El Cerrito & California - by Chris Horn

El Cerrito Historical Society - Copies of Operating Documents

Pat requested that Board members receive current copies of our operating documents. It was suggested that a binder of these be kept on hand in the Shadi Room. Tom will e-mail these to the Board:

By-Laws

Reproduction Policy & Fees

Outgoing Loan Agreement

Conflict of Interest Policy

Collection Policy

Deed of Gift

Shadi History Room Reference Policy

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by J. Rubio, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 17, 2017