

EL PASO DE ROBLES AREA
PIONEER MUSEUM
P.O. Box 461 Paso Robles, CA 93447

Nov. 11, 2004

Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by the chairman, Dr. B.R. Bryant, at 7:00 p.m. at the museum, 2010 Riverside Avenue, Paso Robles.

Roll Call: Board members present: B.R. (Bob) Bryant, Steve Cichorsky, Jean Gilman, Les Hoffman, Milene Radford, Larry Radka, Byby Root, Gary Smith, Joyce Sommers, Jean Sudden and Pioneer Day Committee liaison Leroy Brandon.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: It was moved by Joyce Sommers, seconded by Byby Root, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Carried.

Correspondence: The Santa Lucia Rockhounds sent a thank-you letter and donation. Carilyn Anderson sent a thank-you note. The Chandler family donated \$12,000 towards moving the schoolhouse and they had an appraisal of \$30,000 on the schoolhouse, which needs to be acknowledged.

Financial: Income and expenses for the previous month were discussed. A bill was presented from Les Hoffman for batteries for the heaters in the amount of \$7.50. It was moved by Byby Root, seconded by Jean Sudden, that Les Hoffman be reimbursed for batteries he purchased for the heaters in the amount of \$7.50. Carried.

The carpet was cleaned after the Paso Gathering, but Greg Baxter of Pro-Clean was unable to clean it this time. He suggested another company that Jean Sudden contacted. Their cost was \$769 (including a discount for our non-profit organization), an increase of \$307 compared to the last time when Greg cleaned it in April 2004.

On Sept. 30th, up to \$1,000 was authorized to place an advertisement in *The Tribune* and one in the *Paso Robles Press*. The bills were \$152.25 over the authorized amount. At that meeting some volunteered to personally pay for the ads if they weren't approved by the board. Dr. Bryant suggested that they chip in to pay the additional amount.

Schoolbook sales to date: Approximately 472 books = \$9,440. [Out of the gross amount, \$637.10 will have to be paid out in sales tax on these books when the annual sales tax return is filed in January. The books sell for \$18.65 + \$1.35 tax = \$20.00]

Attendance: October: 2915 Year to Date: 5700

Volunteer Hours: October 523 Year to Date: 4169

Old Business:

Paso Gathering: Gary Smith reported on the event this past weekend. Overall attendance and net income increased over the previous year. The net income for 2004 was approximately \$5275.

Schoolhouse: Still waiting for the new doors from Atascadero Door. Discussed ownership of the building. It was moved by Gary Smith, seconded by Larry Radka, that we gift the building to the City of Paso Robles. Carried.

Alarm System: It was moved by Joyce Sommers, seconded by Larry Radka, that we authorize Gary Smith to purchase and have installed motion-sensitive video cameras in the museum. Carried.

Possible Surplus Items—computers, stereo, speakers, etc. Need to put a red tag on any items that we think aren't needed and we'll go over a list of these at the next meeting.

Missing Items: A call was received from the special agent with the Department of the Interior and the suspect who took some items has died of a heart attack, so the items might be returned sooner than expected because there won't be a trial.

Model T: Darrell Radford arranged for this vehicle, which has been on loan to the museum for many years, to be hauled to Dorothy Baxter's house on November 5, courtesy of Joaquin Arebalo (Joaquin's Auto Hauling) of Templeton. A thank-you note has been sent to Joaquin.

New Business:

Door Maintenance: Front door latches need to be repaired and the side door needs adjustment. Gary Smith will take care of it.

Addition to buggy barn: Dr. Bryant discussed the plans for a 16½' addition, using volunteer labor, to provide storage on one side and to expand the shop on the other side with a proposed schedule of January – June 2005.

Italian Cypress Trees need to be cut back below the roof line. Dr. Bryant will follow-up.

Schoolhouse Quilt: Will draw the winning ticket for the quilt on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 3:00 p.m. Will also promote gift shop items.

Friends of N.R.A. would like to use the museum for their meeting on Thursday night, Nov. 18. [Friends of National Rifle Association is a non-profit education foundation that helps raise money to support youth programs, build gun ranges, etc.]

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Milene F. Radford
Board Secretary

Next meeting: Thursday, December 9, 2004, at 7:00 at the museum.

