

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

Sept. 9, 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. A special thank you to Les Hoffman for the delicious homemade cookies.

Roll Call: Board members present: B.R. (Bob) Bryant, Steve Cichorsky, Jean Gilman, Les Hoffman, Milene Radford, Larry Radka, Gary Smith, Joyce Sommers and liaisons Larry Eastwood and Pat Rambo.

Minutes: It was moved by Larry Radka, seconded by Joyce Sommers, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Passed.

Correspondence: A check in the amount of \$1300 was received from the North County Aquatics from fair parking.

Financial: Income and expenses for the previous month were discussed. Bills were presented: \$149.13 for San Luis Paint for the schoolhouse; \$64.75 for Paso Electric; and \$325 to reimburse Dr. Bryant for ½ of his contractor's license fee. It was moved by Larry Radka, seconded by Gary Smith, that the bills be paid. Approved.

Attendance: August: 226 Year to Date: 2290

Volunteer Hours: July: 707 Year to Date: 2943

Old Business:

Schoolhouse: The siding is on, new steps have been built, railing needs to be installed, handicapped ramp needs to be built, 2 new old-looking doors have been ordered, John Anthony has offered to help on the roof. The handicapped ramp will have to be 36' long to meet the requirements.

Alarm System: The new system with motion sensors has been installed. The cost for our main building is \$1960.

New Business:

Pioneer Day: Activities at the museum were discussed—branding, roping, butter making, music, spinning, straw weaving, etc. A poster and advertising were suggested. Milene volunteered to work on a poster. Steve will work on the history. Larry volunteered to get prices for advertising, but the consensus was to take advantage of free calendar events, press releases, etc. Pioneer Day traditions were discussed and the consensus was that we need to be supportive.

Paso Gathering—Nov. 7 and 8: The committee met prior to the board meeting to discuss plans.

Docents: Joyce Sommers emphasized the need for more docents. She has served 5 days already since September 1st. She urged all board members to become docents.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Milene F. Radford, Board Secretary

There will be a *special* meeting on **Thursday, September 30**, at 7:00 p.m. to finalize Pioneer Day activities at the museum.

The next *regular* meeting: **Thursday, October 14, 2004**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Museum.

Reminder: Get agenda items to Dr. Bryant early, as the agenda needs to be published 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

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Roll Call: Board members present: B.R. (Bob) Bryant, Jean Gilman, Bonnie Nelson, Milene Radford, Larry Radka, Byby Root, Gary Smith, Joyce Sommers, Jean Sudden and Keith Tarwater.

Posters: 8½ x 14 posters (as shown below) were distributed listing Pioneer Day activities.

**Come celebrate our
pioneer heritage on Pioneer Day
at the
Paso Robles
Pioneer Museum**

**2010 Riverside Avenue
(South of the Mid-State Fairgrounds)
Saturday, October 9, 2004**

*After the **Pioneer Day Parade** on Spring Street and the
Bean Feed at noon in the downtown park,
visit the **Pioneer Museum***

- Meet the **tractor drivers**, inspect the tractors and compare yarns
- Watch the **threshing** demonstration
- Visit the 1886 **one-room schoolhouse** under renovation
- See the **small engines** at Pioneer Park south of Museum
- Try **branding** (on wood!)
- Practice **roping** a stationary target
- Watch the **wood carvers** in action
- Sample fresh-churned **butter** and fresh-baked **bread**
- Listen to **music** by Jerry Perney and his band *[Substituted George Bentley & Jim Stainbrook]*
- View **wool spinning**
- Watch **wheat weaving**
- Visit **friends** from the yesterdays to those of today
- See the **Jeanesville Pump** with its 14-ton flywheel

Schoolhouse: Each building on the grounds has been formally given to the City. It was moved by Larry Radka, seconded by Bonnie Nelson, that the schoolhouse be given to the City of Paso Robles. Passed.

Museum Property: On July 1, 1971, the new directors of the Paso Robles Rotary Club decided to sponsor a special project for the Rotary Club, the promotion and development of a Pioneer Museum for the Paso Robles area. A non-profit corporation was formed and the original directors were the directors of the Paso Robles Rotary Club. Rotarian, E.R. Griswold, assisted in locating the current museum site. Funds to purchase the site were raised and on August 21, 1972, the City formally accepted the property for the purpose of establishing a museum.

Advertisements: After considerable discussion, it was moved by Larry Radka, seconded by Byby Root, that we place a ½ page ad (to run one time each) in both the *Paso Robles Press* and *The Tribune* with a \$1,000 maximum limit in cost. Passed. The ½ page ad for the *Press* would be \$445 and for *The Tribune* \$500. The advertisements are to include the museum history and the museum activities on the afternoon of Pioneer Day.

Termites: There has been some evidence of activity in the gift shop area. Larry Radka will have a relative of his look into it.

Books: The latest publication, *Readin' 'Ritin' 'Rithmetic*, a 172-page book of memories and photographs of northern San Luis Obispo County area one-room schools has just arrived. [The books will sell for \$18.65 + tax = \$20.00.] The original consensus was to purchase 1,000 books; however, for \$1453 it was possible to have an extra 500 printed, which Milene Radford paid for. [Otherwise if we were to have 500 reprinted, the cost would be about \$8,000.] It was moved by Larry Radka, seconded by Joyce Sommers, that Milene be reimbursed for \$1453. Passed. (On Friday when the fellows from the Youth Authority come to help clean, they will unload the 64 cartons of books.)

Model Ts: Dorothy Baxter has been contacted and she has room in her garage for her family's Model T, which has been on *loan* to the museum. Now that we have our own Model T (donated by the Bruce Bailey family), it was felt that hers should be returned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Milene Radford
Board Secretary