

Angels Camp Museum Commission Minutes October 19, 2017

Commissioners present: Bob Hillis, Marilyn Smith, Ron Rivera, Anne Forrest, Tad Folendorf, Bob Petithomme

Commissioners absent: None

Others in attendance: Kim Arth, Angels Camp Museum Director, Karen Strand, Foundation President,

Public in attendance: None

Call to order at 8:34 AM by Ron Rivera

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Agenda: Anne asked to add an item and it was added to the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda was made and the agenda was approved.

Approval of September 21, 2017 Minutes: Ron asked if there were any changes to the minutes and no changes were requested. Marilyn made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Anne. The minutes were approved.

Reports:

Education Committee: Bob Hillis had nothing to report.

Collections Committee: Bob Petithomme had nothing to report.

Collections Loan Project: Marilyn Smith said she is continuing her work on this project and the information she is gathering is being put into Past Perfect a database that will allow easy access to all the information in the future. She said that this project will be going on for a long time.

Christmas parade update: Marilyn Smith said the project is chugging along very slowly. She said she was trying to get a replacement car for Pettihomme's and she has talked to David Powell and is trying also to contact Jim Bidwell.

Museum Foundation Report - Karen Strand: Karen said the PG&E HVAC project is ongoing. The foundation is still trying to get to a membership goal of 100 members. She said the Utica mansion event is now scheduled for September 8, 2018 and they are looking at caterers for the event. Karen said the botany signs verbiage is set and they are going to look for sponsors for the signs. The next lecture is scheduled for November 5th, the first Sunday of the month. The lecture will be by the Dodge brothers. There won't be a lecture in December but will resume in January. The newsletter will be started when Lori returns from vacation. Ron asked Karen if she could send him the minutes from the October meeting and she said she would.

Museum Update- Kim Arth, Museum Director: Kim said the work on the HVAC with PG&E was completed on September 19th. The next step is for Broglio electric to complete their work. Steve Flagg did some work on the project also. Aldi finished the conduit work and there may be a second conduit needed. Kim said she talked to Gerry Mills, the owner of Angels Sheet metal and tried to negotiate a

reduced amount for the second payment because of the extra costs we have had to endure. The reply from Gerry was that they are used to working with companies that have an electrician on the staff which of course is not the case for the museum. Kim said she talked to Thomas Reeves who is the PG&E representative for the area and they had a good discussion on what was done. She said she told Thomas that she appreciated the effort on the work done even though it took a very long time to complete. Kim said she talked with him about the future and mentioned the support given to the Calaveras Community Foundation and that possibly something like this could be done for the museum.

Kim said that they have 3 groups of 20 students each from the Brett Harte photography class. They are not paying admission but they will be sharing the photos with her and they can be used in the future for various activities. Kim said she had a group from Palo Alto scheduled last week but they cancelled because of the smoke in their area. She said that in October there will be 3 tree trek tours.

Commission binder update – Anne Forrest: Anne passed out a page to be placed in the foundation tab. Anne gave Kim a flash drive with the information on it. Anne asked if we should give this update to the city council and after discussion it was said that any updates for the city council books should be done once or twice a year.

New POS system update – Ron Rivera: Ron said he has contacted some vendors and has a person to begin working with to get more detailed information on their systems. Ron said he will see if he can get a demonstration of their systems. The prices so far have been from \$1,200 to \$2,500. There are also systems that have a monthly lease type arrangement for as low as \$29 per month. Ron said the more he looks in to this the more vendors he finds so this process will take some time. Ron said he would have more on this at the next meeting.

New Business

Master Planning – Kim Arth: Kim said that she is looking forward and would like to plan what needs to be for the next 5 years as we are just finishing the first 5 years. Anne asked if there was a definitive plan for these past 5 years but there is any single place to find that information. The project for the carriage house is almost complete and we should all think about what is next. The plan is to start the next meeting with a walk through of the museum by the group and then come back and brainstorm ideas with 5 priority projects for the exhibits, the barn, and grounds.

Commissioner Reports

Activities this past month: Ron asked if this portion was needed and the agreement was this was a good way to bring up items not discussed on the agenda.

Bob Hillis said he had done a tour.

Marilyn said that she had a discussion with ACBA about possibly holding the annual ACBA gala at the museum. The normal number of attendees is anywhere from 100 to 120. This was discussed since one of the new income generators the Kim is looking at is having outside events at the museum. The problem with this event is the number of people and the ability to set up to feed that many people. They will look into this some more.

Anne: said that the **Wild West Fest** is this Saturday. She also said that she asked if the commissioners had visited the new ACBA headquarters across from the high school and Chicken Barn. Anne asked if the next meeting could begin at 8:00 and it was agreed that we would meet earlier next month.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Next Meeting November 16, 2017 at 8:00AM in Museum Conference Room