

## **Angels Camp Museum Commission Minutes August 17, 2017**

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

**Commissioners absent:** none

**Others in attendance:** Kim Arth, Angels Camp Museum Director, [Karen Strand, Foundation President](#)

**Public in attendance:** John Broeder said he was attending because he would like to help and possibly volunteer at the museum. He said he wouldn't be able to do this until he finished his term on the planning commission. He said his hobbies were metal and wood work. He also said he was attending to see what the commission did. Ron briefly described the commissioners as emissaries and advocates for the museum. Ron said there were several committees as a part of the commission and went around the room and asked each member to describe the work that their committee did. Ron mentioned that many members of the community didn't visit the museum and John said he saw the same things in San Francisco when he lived there and he in fact now want to visit some of the places he hadn't seen while he worked there. John said he had talked to Jim Miller a few months ago about the museum. Kim said that the commission gives a great perspective to the museum and is essential to the museum.

**Call to order** at 8:34 AM by Ron Rivera

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Approval of Agenda:** Ron said that the agenda had the date of the minutes on the agenda incorrect and he said he would correct it. Motion to approve the corrected agenda was made by Bob H. and seconded by Bob P. The agenda was approved.

**Approval of July 27, 2017 Minutes:** Tad made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded and the minutes were approved.

### **Reports:**

**Education Committee:** Bob Hillis said he hadn't gotten together with Joe Oliveira to complete the turnover of the items Joe was working on. Bob H. asked if the commissioners had read his script on the print shop and everyone had but didn't really have any comments. He asked if he could proceed with the project and Tad made a motion to have him move forward and Marilyn seconded, the motion was approved.

**Collections Committee:** Bob Petithomme said he had nothing to report. Bob P. said he had something for a wool exhibit. Kim said she had 3 items that needed to be reviewed and she would meet with [the committee](#) on this.

**Collection Loan Project:** Marilyn Smith said she was all caught up on this project and then she asked Kim if they could get together next Thursday and they will meet then. [The purpose of the meeting is to start another group of loan updates.](#)

**Museum Commission Binders – Anne Forrest:** Anne said she has completed all the updates and changes to the commission binders. She said she had 8 binders for the foundation members as well as binders for the city council members. She said she had added a section to the binders concerning the details of the foundation. She included instructions for updating the binders in the handout of the updates

she passed to the commission members. She asked if Kim could present the binders to the city council and Ron said he would attend the Sep. 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting and get them distributed. Tad said he admired all the work Anne had done on the and everyone agreed. She said she added information to the binder about why the commission exists, the duties of the commissioners and the duties of the committees. She updated the volunteer section of the binder.

**Museum Foundation Report - Karen Strand:** Karen said there were 93 museum members. She said the wagon sign sponsorship is completed except for the breaking cart. She said the foundation was working on the Utica mansion outing which will be part of a lecture. The work is ongoing on this but not complete. Karen said Gina Milani and Kathy Dodge are working with Tad on this since Tad has volunteered to open his house for this event. She said work continues on getting botanical sponsors and this project is being handled by Jacque Hash and Kathy Dodge. She also said they have set up in memoriam cards at the local funeral homes and they had gotten some donations on these. She said the newsletter was sent out but several members said they hadn't received it. Kim said she would resend it with a notice to let people that she is resending it because some didn't get the newsletter. She said that the newsletter is put together by Lori Bloathner. Karen said that the pergola project for the carriage house fund raising is nearing its goal so that project will move forward shortly. Kathy Dodge is working on a spreadsheet that will contain all the wagons and their sponsors for future reference. Anne said that we might want to add that to the commission binders. Kim brought up a point that we should think there are more sign sponsors since there are a lot of artifacts in the barn that could use signs. Kim also said the foundation might think about signage for the school house and Sam Choy.

**Museum Update- Kim Arth, Museum Director:** Kim said that Joe Oliveira was researching getting tapes digitized. The cassette tapes in the archives could possibly have this done and the foundation has money for this in the digital docent monies. She said we were averaging 4 people per tour. She said we have computer equipment to be junked and Bob P. said he would take it to the dumps and dispose of it. There were no applications for the open position on the commission which was posted to run through August 11<sup>th</sup>. The post remains open until it is filled. Anne said she may have a person who might be a possibility, John Van Court. He is a furniture make and does furniture restoration so he would make a good addition to the commission and the collection committee. Anne said she would contact him about this. Kim's notes are below:

**Staff excel at customer service and provide quality educational experiences for visitors. The staff show that a tremendous amount of teamwork, seamless communication and contagious enthusiasm goes into the day-to-day operation of the museum and that - in turn - is reflected back to us by visitors.**

- Distribution of museum brochures to Calaveras County hotels, motels & Worldmark.
- 12 campers attended the ART Camps
- Planning fall lecture series guest speakers.
- Staff continue assessing gift shop inventory and displays to strategize ways to maximize sales and identify best-selling items.
- Many thanks to: Tom Wedegaertner and Harlem Preminger for In Memory donations.
- Foundation Board member Gina Milani is the museum's representative for an oral history consortium grant project headed by Manzanita Press.
- Progress continues on the heating and air conditioning installation in the Carriage House. Inspections by PG&E are slated to be completed September 19.

#### LOOK AHEAD

- Guided tour for six campers staying at Angels RV Resort on August 25.
- September 3 lecture and book signing "Brands of Calaveras County" by Salvatore Manna and Shannon van Zant, the authors of a book by the same name.

- **The museum will be open on Labor Day, September 4.**
- **Locals (and tourists) can visit the museum for free on Saturday, September 9 to celebrate California Statehood Day. The event will include artisan demonstrations and hands-on activities for kids. A fun day for our community to have the chance to check out all the great projects going on at their neighborhood museum.**

#### **New Business**

Marilyn said she is in charge of the Angels Camp Christmas parade. She said she would like to have the museum participate in this event which will be held the Sat. after Thanksgiving November 25th. Ron asked Marilyn if she could put together something to be presented at the next meeting. The volunteers for this would come from both the commission and the foundation.

#### **Commissioner Reports**

Activities this past month:

Bob Petithomme had nothing to report.

Marilyn had nothing to report

Bob Hillis had nothing to report

Anne she wanted to remind the commission of the Wild West Fest on Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. She wanted to make sure that Jim Miller knew about it. She said they were expanding some areas and the museum tent would be in the same place as last year.

Ron had nothing to report.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

**Next Meeting September 21, 2017 at 8:30AM in Museum Conference Room**