Angels Camp Museum Commission Minutes  
January 18, 2018

Commissioners present: Bob Hillis, Marilyn Smith, Ron Rivera, Anne Forrest-absent, 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 8:30 AM by Ron Rivera  
Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Marilyn Smith and seconded by Bob Hillis and the agenda was approved.

Approval of November 16, 2017 Minutes: Ron asked if there were any changes to the minutes Bob P. gave an update to missing information. Bob H. made a motion to approve the minutes as changed and seconded by Marilyn Smith. The minutes were approved.

Reports:

Education Committee: Bob Hillis said he had nothing to report. He said that Kim was working on getting the historical cassette tape from 1970 to present digitized. Kim said that she had found Chris Osborne to digitize them for $10 per side and he would be putting them on an external hard drive. She said the money for this is being paid by the foundation which had funds set aside for this. When she looked at other sources for this they were charging $25 per tape. She said they should be completed by the end of February. Tad asked if this could be seen by other people and Kim said that before this could be done she would have to talk to the families who were involved. Kim said that Bob H. has written a script about the print shop and Bob H. said he would need someone to work with to describe what they are doing. Bob H. said he would work with Bob P. and do some practice runs and then later add the sound.

Collections Committee: Bob Petithomme said he had talked to Jim Castle and Jim said he would like to give a talk about the big nugget that was found because he was there when it happened. We had a discussion about the articles in the Union Democrat about various things at the museum. Kim said that the articles were written about things that people may not know about. The Union Democrat is running the articles for free for January and they said that the museum would get another month later in the year. Bob P. said that Jim Castle has a collection of weighing scales that were collected by his family over the years. Bob P. said a case would be needed to display them.

Museum Foundation Update Karen Strand Foundation President: Karen said the foundation was still working on getting the dinner set up for the Utica Mansion. The dinner is going to be held in September. She said that the turnout for the last lecture was great. She said we had people from all over and the guest speaker, Lynn Downey, gave a great lecture on the history of Levi Strauss. Ron said that we had 55 people at the lecture and he said that was the largest group he had seen. Kim said that the speaker sold out all her books and she ran out of books. Kim also said that the Ranching lecture had 75 people and the Brett Harte lecture also had a very large crowd. Kim said that the museum will get some of Lynn’s books for the gift shop. Karen said the foundation was sponsoring an arena sign at the fair. She said the foundation has been doing this for the last 3 years. Kim said that Kathy Dodge had done a great job of getting sign sponsors for the remaining carriages in the carriage house. In fact, all the wagons now have been sponsored. Kim said that she heard from the Garden Club and they are going to sponsor 4 signs including the redwood tree, the sequoia tree, and the oak trees, and crape myrtle. Karen said that
Jacque Hash has been working on this for a year. Kim said the Garden Club has 80 members and they may conduct one of their meetings at the carriage house.

**Museum Updates:** Kim said that she had gotten a kiosk ad at Forest Meadows and Tad told her that Forest Meadows has been closed since the beginning of the year. Kim said she would work to get the money returned. She said she was getting a sign for Saddle Creek and Ron said that should be fine. Kim said that they have been getting a lot of tours and the Christian School which is K through 8th grade is going to have 4 tours totally 87 kids and their chaperones. She said that the students normally go skiing but the lack of snow is bringing them to the museum. The current plan is one tour next week and then 1 more in February and 2 in March. Of course, if the snow comes they might not come. Kim said next the lecture is in March and it will be about the Chinese in the Motherload.

**Review 5 Year Priorities:** Ron said that he didn’t feel that we could discuss this and said all the board members should review the top 4 items on the list and develop some more detail on what was meant by each item. This will be added to next month’s agenda.

**New Business**

**No new business:**

**Commissioner Reports**

Activities this past month
Bob Hillis said he worked the living history day last Saturday from 11:00 AM until 3:45 PM and the flow of people was non-stop. Kim mentioned that Minsky will bring their car club to the next living history day. Bob Petithomme, Tad, and Ron said they hadn’t done anything.
Marilyn those who participated in the Christmas parade. Marilyn and Ron said that there was an event in Greenhorn Creek hosted by the owners of Greenhorn Creek, Phyllis, and Fritz Grupe. Ron and Marilyn had an impromptu discussion with Phyllis Grupe and discussed the museum. Ron told Phyllis that he and Marilyn volunteered at the museum. Phyllis Grupe and she said that she felt that it was important that the members of Greenhorn participate in various activities in the city like the museum. Marilyn said she had been thinking about how to get the Greenhorn members more involved in the museum and thought that maybe we could have a meeting with a speaker for the museum. Someone said that maybe we could have a special event for the people at the museum. Marilyn said that she had made contact with a new arrival in the community and the women said she would like to become a docent. The women said she had been a docent at another museum for 15 years. Kim said she would get the docent application to Marilyn.
Kim said that the city council has changed, and the new Mayor is Amanda Folendorf and the new Vice-Mayor is Linda Herman. She also said that Joe Oliveira is going to be the new representative to the commission. Kim said she had a new boss, Melissa Eads. She said that she just had the first rental of the Carriage House for the Destination Angels Camp group on January 11th for their bi-annual luncheon.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM

**Next Meeting February 15, 2018 at 8:30AM in Museum Conference Room**