Angels Camp Museum Commission Minutes  
April 19, 2018

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

Commissioners absent: Bob Petithomme-excused

Others in attendance: Karen Strand, Foundation President

Public in attendance: Joe Oliveira—city council representative to the museum

Call to order at 8:32 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 and seconded by Tad and the agenda was approved.

Approval of March 15, 2018 Minutes: Marilyn said the minutes should be correct to remove her name from the collections committee in the minutes. Motion to approve the corrected minutes from the March 15, 2018 meeting was made by Bob H. and seconded by Anne and the minutes were approved by a 4 to 0 vote with Marilyn abstaining due to her absence at the last meeting.

Reports:

Education Committee: Bob Hillis said he had nothing to report.

Collections Committee: Bob Petithomme was absent so there was no report.

Museum Foundation Update Karen Strand Foundation President: Karen said Utica mansion dinner and tour information has been given to the visitors’ bureau and she said we have already had a few people sign up for the event. She passed out a flier that describes the event. Karen said that the foundation has been working on the pergola in front of the carriage house and passed around a picture of what it will look like when installed. She said it would be attached to the front of the carriage house. Karen said the pergola will require very little maintenance and it will be good for events. She said there are already a couple of events schedule and the pergola will provide more protection from the sun.

Karen said the plans for the back exit including the elevator have been approved and she passed around a picture of the elevator. The contractor is from West Point and he has said he will be donating a lot of his time for this project. Karen said the elevator will cost about $32K. She said there is an elevator like the one we are getting in Plymouth at a place called the Rest which she said was like a B&B. She said we don’t have an estimate for the entire project, but it will include replacing the stairs and the back deck. The contractor said he wants to put up protection over the top deck. There will be a ramp from the area that will go across the grass in back of the main building that will be ADA approved. Karen said we have never had anyone from the state about ADA reviews. Joe asked about the money and Karen said that this is one of the projects that Wings of Freedom wanted part of their donation to pay for this project. Karen said that they want to utilize CDF trustees and hopefully get this project done by summer before the fire season. The staircase plans have been approved and they hopefully will get started by next week.

She said this Sunday the foundation is holding a reception from 1 to 3 PM for all the carriage house wagon sponsors and HVAC donors. Bob H. said the museum was opened Tuesday for 50 school Kids from Palo Alto. This group was part of a group that comes in two separate groups every year. These 50 couldn’t come last September because of the smoke in the area. He said he helped with the tour.

Museum Updates: Kim was absent, but she sent an update note to the board for review.

Kim’s update notes:

LOOKING AHEAD - DATES TO REMEMBER
May 12, 2018 - Living History Day. History comes alive on the second Saturdays of each month as docents demonstrate their craft in the artisan’s exhibits, including carpentry, print shop and weaving.

5-star review on Yelp by a visitor from San Ramon, CA reads: "Great museum!!! Absolutely well done. My family & I enjoyed every bit of this top-notch place. The scavenger hunt for the kids really incorporates fun & learning all in one. The gold panning (and the staff running it) was a highlight for the kids. Each part of this museum and the carriage house was fascinating. Love this history in the area! Everyone working here was so great too, they are helpful, and we enjoyed learning from them at different stations."

Many thanks to Benchcraft Company for donating $395 worth of advertising at Greenhorn Creek Golf Course from present until April 2020. This golf course advertising as well as the ad at Phoenix Lake Golf Course in Sonora promotes renting the museum facility for corporate events.

Complementary advertising in the Calaveras Visitors Bureau's 2018 Activity Guide promotes the Angels Camp Museum as a venue for special events, highlighting the museum’s new facility rental program.

28 people attended the April 8, 2018 lecture "From Slavery to the Smithsonian" by Sylvia Roberts

Director will be attending the American Alliance of Museums Educate, Engage, Elevate! Museums on the Rise annual conference on May 6-9, 2018. Angels Camp Museum is an institutional member of the nationwide professional organization the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). Participation in AAM helps the museum to build networks & partnerships, take advantage of multi-level training opportunities, & practice standards of excellence.

May 23, 2018 - Self-guided tour for 10 5-8th graders from St. Phillip Lutheran School in Dublin, CA

May 25, 2018 - Guided tour for 27 4th graders from Brisbane School in the Bay area

May 28, 2018 - the museum is open on Memorial Day

Commissioner and docent recruitment activity: Ron said he had contacted the last person he had tried to recruit but he said that he didn’t have the time for this. Ron said he heard of 4 new volunteers and Bob H. said that 2 of the new docent volunteers have been trained and they have done the shadow tour and are ready for duty. Anne asked about getting something on Facebook and in the local papers about the need for commissioners and volunteers and Ron said he would touch bases with Kim to pursue what we might be able to do.

5 Year plan details: Ron went through Rock and Mineral Exhibit asking if Tad had pursued this. Tad said he had talked extensively with Russ Grunwall who is on the Calaveras Mineral Society board of directors and they walked through how to move forward with the exhibit including how to display them and possibly get a grant to assist in getting this work done. He is going to meet with him again in a couple of week to see what is next. We then briefly talked about the transportation Exhibit and I asked Karen if she had done anything on pursuing how we might acquire a horse. She said she hadn’t and then Ron said he had said he would pursue this on the internet and he said he hadn’t done that either. Joe said he had investigated this some time back when he was a member of the commission and he found a couple of places in the mid-west that had these horses but nothing in California. He said the cost was about $2,000. Tad said he had talked to the Carley’s about giving their items to the museum and he was told that all 4 of them would have to agree. He also said they have more equipment. Anne said she believes that Kim has the Calitrans highways video which talks about Highway 49 through Angels Camp. Anne
said that there is going to be a memorial for Bardin Stevenot on April 30th in Murphys Park. There will be an auction of items there and the proceeds will be for a scholarship. Anne wasn't sure if there was a way to see what is being auctioned off before the event.

**New Business**

**Determine if May meeting should be cancelled because of the Frog Jump:** Ron said Anne had contacted him about this and he asked the group if they would want to cancel May’s meeting. A motion was made to cancel the meeting by Tad and seconded by Anne. The motion passed 5 to 0 so there will be no May meeting.

**Commissioner Reports**

Activities this past month
Bob Hillis said he worked the living history day last Saturday and had tours on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.
Tad’s activities involved working on the 5-year plan.
Anne said she had updated the contact list and passed out copies for everyone to update their books. Anne brought up the fact that her term ends on June 30th and we wondered if the city council would approve a 6-month extension while she is still here. Joe said he would pursue this with Melissa and get back to us. Anne asked if someone could volunteer to attend the city council meeting to address the problem of getting volunteers and commissioners for the commission. Ron said he would attend the May 1st meeting during the open discussion at the beginning of the meeting and bring this up. He may repeat this again to make sure that this information gets out to the public since the meeting information is made public. Anne said she again contacted Pete Kelly, but he is ill, but his wife recommended someone named Andy about repairing the frog. Andy is not familiar with working with this material, but he would do the work when he learns. Anne said that whatever the cost she would pay for it since she donated the frog.
Marilyn said she had nothing to report.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Anne and seconded by Bob H. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18AM

**Next Meeting June 21, 2018 at 8:30AM in Museum Conference Room**