

CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL MUSEUM VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

January 6, 2016

The purpose and objectives of the CSCMVA are to promote the educational and interpretive activities of the California State Capitol Museum

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in Room 437 by president Bob Dreyer.

Board members present: Bob Dreyer, David Keck, PJ Jones, Bob Dennis, Connie Clark, Randall Williams, Marilyn Thompson, Julie Mallett

Board members absent: Chris Tyler

Others Present: Rachel Martinez, Mary Geach, Matt Bellah, Patty Wood, Leslie Cooper, Bill White, Marita Martin, Diane Rich, Sheri Routh, Koren Benoit, Alex King, Bill White

Minutes of previous meeting: Accepted as sent.

Appropriations Committee

Bookstore/Membership Reports

Treasurer's Report: Proposed 2016 budget attached as well as December 2015 actual report. Income is expected to remain consistent with 2015 with the addition of earnings from the penny smasher. Bob Dennis has increased projected expenses in certain categories to allow for more publicity for living history events, more support for museum enhancement, and more membership activities, in line with our non-profit mission. Motion by Keck, second by Williams to accept proposed budget. Unanimous.

Bookstore: Income for December was \$1,621.60, \$47 more than Dec 2014. Two WWII posters are still selling well, *Rosie* and *Victory Garden*. Supplies are again almost gone. DDSO has slowly begun to build up gift shop stock. Book sales should pick up now that the legislature is back in session but the restaurant closure has had an impact.

Membership: Mary has enough hour pins for everything under 1,000. She will need to purchase 'diamond' pins for a number of people who have earned in excess of 1,000 hours. The suggestion is that those receiving an additional "diamond" should turn in their current pin to be recycled and they will be awarded a new pin with correct number of diamonds.

Membership letters are going out this week. **New members only had half the year to earn 72 hours so their dues will not be increased. Those who didn't reach 72 will only pay \$30.**

State Parks Report:

Rachel: Guide, Honnes, received an \$8 tip which is being given to CSCMVA. Erin reported there were 57 musical programs during December with attendance of over 9,000.

Matt: New silk flower arrangements were placed in the museum rooms this week. Thanks to CSCMVA for funding this. He has purchased a case of cleaning fluid for the rest of the plants and Maria is being trained to clean them. Total cost was \$922.

The audio recordings for public listening at three museum rooms have been completed and Renato has produced new signs which include the QR codes. Matt gave a demo using his cell phone. One of the voices is PJ Jones! Good job!

Proposed Rotunda Project: Bill White has suggested that we purchase 'ropes' to go around the Isabella statue which have "locking" clips on each end. Some ropes already have them.

Children tend to play with the ropes and the ones without clips are easily unfastened. They are an attractive nuisance for children. New ones would look just like the ones being used; cost is \$60 each and there are ten needed. Questions arose as to whether this should be a DGS responsibility, and whether we would incur liability if we supplied them and a child was hurt. Joint Rules would also need to give approval. Motion by Keck to propose to Joint Rules that rotunda ropes be replaced by ones with clips. Motion amended by Thompson to include a sample of the proposed item which Bill White would order; motion amended by Dennis to include the word "locking" in reference to the clip. Motion as amended seconded by Jones. Williams made motion to Table the item, seconded by Dreyer. Vote: Keck and Jones Nay, others Yes. Motion tabled.

Contract/MOU with Parks: our contract to operate in the Capitol in conjunction with Parks expires in August. It is simply a boilerplate contract which needs to be reviewed, updated and made more specific regarding our association. So far, this committee is King and Dreyer. Suggestion made by Dreyer that Dennis and incoming president be added to committee. Agreeable to board. Any changes will be presented to the board.

Nominating Committee: Three candidates are Connie Clark, Bill Monahan and Ron Lauchner.

Bylaws/Standing Rules: Draft revisions have gone to board for comment. Judi Smith will type final version which will be presented to membership for vote at March Suffrage Day kick-off luncheon which will be a general membership meeting.

Annual Meeting: Iron Grill on January 21st. Thirty-four people have signed up. Rachel will send another email reminding members of the deadline.

Camellia Day: Email will go out soon asking for volunteers to help make bows on Feb. 11th. Date for Camellia Day is still not firm. Email will also be sent announcing date for costume making workshop.

Suffrage Day Kickoff: luncheon will be held March 1st. Date for Suffrage Day was announced as April 16th. [Clarification of date change was obtained after closure of meeting. Change was agreed to by King and Dreyer. Email will go out soon advising membership of date change.] Recruitment letters for participants will be sent out Feb. 18th including rehearsal dates.

Museum Day: Rachel will send email asking for docents.

NEW BUSINESS

Suggestion was made that we donate part of our funds to support the Benicia State Capitol Museum. We have ample income and our mission is to support the California State Capitol, which Benicia was at one time. After brief discussion it was agreed that this was an inappropriate use of our funds.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 3, 2016. Place to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marylin Thompson
Secretary