

Minutes of the CSCMVA Board

By Marilyn Thompson, Secretary

May 20, 2015 (A continuation of the May 6 meeting)

The meeting was called to order in the conference room at the Stanford Mansion by President Bob Dreyer.

Minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made, seconded and passed to take \$10,000 from the checking account for addition to the funds in a maturing CD and write a new 5-year CD with a better interest rate: 1.09%. An additional amount was taken from the checking account and combined with funds in the Money Market savings account to create a new 1 year CD of \$31,904 at an interest rate of .2%.

State Parks Report: Matt Bellah displayed several WW II posters which can be sold through the Bookstore. Koren Benoit displayed a sample of what was previously the "Kid's Guide" and has been redesigned as the "California State Capitol Guide for Families" with language which has been made appropriate to a larger audience. The "Capitol Park" guide now has a different cover, and includes a fold out map in the center. The historic north and south entrances might be opened just for staff and volunteers on some days / hours due to long lines of visitors. The Columbus statue is to be removed on May 20, and the new Reagan statue will be moved into its place in the Lower Rotunda after hours on June 20. The installation ceremony, which is for invited guests only, will occur on June 22.

Continuing Business:

- **Suffrage Day:** Alex King and Leslie Cooper will co-

chair.

- **River Cats Game:** 60 tickets have been purchased by CSCMVA.

- **New Training Class:** Discussion ensued on what is our relationship with State Parks for this activity; whether all volunteers should be required to join the association; expectations of new volunteers; and who should be involved in the training class. All questions were resolved with general agreement that the class is a shared endeavor between Parks and CSCMVA. New volunteers will be expected to participate in a wide variety of activities, at least for the first year.

New Business:

- PJ conveyed a request from volunteers to find 5 period-appropriate chairs for the WI and class tour desks. Koren will research.

- Richard Granis has donated a book to the volunteer library titled: Sacramento, an Illustrated History, 1839-1847: From Sutter's Fort to Capitol City.

June 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM in Room 127 by President **Bob Dreyer**.

Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: As discussed at the May 20 meeting, **Bob Dennis** reported that the transfers were made from the checking account and new CDs of 5 years and 1 year respectively were accomplished. The changes will increase the interest paid on CSCMVA savings and will eliminate the money market savings account. All bills have been paid.

Bookstore Report: Mary Geach reported net income for May was \$3,199.31. Mary reported that the popular book on California has just been printed in several languages, and she has ordered copies in all available languages. They sell for \$15 each. The coloring books continue to sell at the rate of 18 or 19 / month. Discussion of sale of WW II posters was held. Decision was to have Renato print a small quantity and see how they sell. Larger quantities would be printed commercially.

State Parks Report: Rachel Martinez reported that Terry is setting up a training class for giving tours of the Capitol Park. **Koren Benoit** displayed a photograph of a possible chair for the WI and School Tours desks as requested by the volunteers. The style is rather large and “regal” looking of oak and leather. There are 5 available in the warehouse, and Koren will request that one be brought out to try.

Continuing Business:

- **The Penny Crusher:** Bill White reported that the Capitol Historic Commission approved the project, and he displayed a variety of designs (up to 4) which could be used to imprint the crushed pennies. Parks Guide, Erik, designed some possibilities which Bill passed out for the Board to consider. The location of the “crusher” is still to be determined, but first choice would be in front of the theater, another option would be near the Bookstore, which is willing to give change for the machine. Bill was given approval to move forward with negotiations with the company which wants a 3 year commitment.

- **River Cats game:** Alex will work out the logistics of ticket distribution, parking, optimal gate entrance, etc.

- **Life time membership:** Two proposals were

considered, and after much discussion the motion was made by D. Keck and seconded by PJ Jones to eliminate the lifetime membership category altogether. The motion passed unanimously. The recommendation will be taken to the next general meeting for a vote, as it involves a change in the by-laws. A related issue concerning annual awards was discussed. These are awarded at the Board's discretion, but the general consensus was that minimum award criteria needs to be developed. There will be additional discussion of this topic at the next Board meeting.

- **Suffrage Day:** No report.

New Training Class:

- Committee includes Bob Dreyer, PJ Jones, Alex King, Matt Bellah and Rachel Martinez
- Classes will begin July 21 and be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 – 12:30 through August 20. “Graduation” will occur on August 21.
- Class will be approximately 20 people. Ads will be placed in the Bee and many other media outlets, including local TV stations. Deadline to apply is June 22. Application is online and Rachel is the contact person.
- Interviews will be held soon for those people who have pending applications. Volunteers are needed for role of interviewers. There will be about 5 standard questions to be used for every interview to ensure fairness and consistency. Contact Rachel if you are willing to serve as an interviewer.
- Judi Smith and Diane Rich will assemble the training materials, and Pat Butler will organize the mentor / mentee pairs.
- Applicants will be requested to make a “donation” for

the training materials, as State Parks cannot charge fees. CSCMVA membership dues will be prorated for the year. Chairs are needed to organize the CSCMVA portion of the training (living history events, costumes, etc.) and also to provide morning refreshments.

**The July Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 1 at 1:00 PM.
All members are encouraged to attend.**