

LAKE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board Meeting Saturday November 7, 2020
Barn @ Ely Stage Stop & Country Museum

Present: Marilyn Holdenried, Fred Castaldo, Cheyanne Parker, John Parker, Georgett Eggel, Jim Marschall, Suzanne Schutz, Kevin Ness, Bill Lane, Lee Cook, Bonnie Skee, Phil Smoley, Laurreta Aro & Kevin Engle.

The meeting was called to order at 10am by President Marilyn Holdenried who also led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 3, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve, Georgett 2nd, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Fred reported our current bank balance is \$30,747.47. The only income in October was from the Fiddlers' Jam and 1 membership. Lee moved to approve, Cheyanne 2nd, approved.

Director of Public Outreach: We currently have 238 members which includes 94 lifetime members. Georgett has approximately 500 email addresses that she sends our news via Constant Contact. A new edition of Konocti Chronicles was recently mailed to all members.

Ely Stage Stop & Country Museum: Bill has ordered the bricks for the floor in the Blacksmith Shop. Marilyn contacted Bridges Construction for an estimate to finish the roof. Suzanne is recruiting docents and hoping we are able to have the Fiddlers' Jam in December. The next docent meeting will be November 18th at 3pm. Items are needed for the Christmas raffle basket. Decorating for Christmas is scheduled for December 1, 2nd & 3rd. Fred & Marilyn have offered to do a calendar of events for 2021.

Bill got an estimate for a new security system from High Country Security for \$800. John moved to approve, Lee 2nd and the motion carried. We recently acquired a huller, some walnut lug boxes and a sprayer from a local rancher.

John will be home for the next 2 months while he is going through treatment. He feels he will be able to do the signage from home with QR codes.

Book Sales: Phil reported no current sales. Georgett will put something in Constant Contact about our books.

Halloween at Ely: The Trunk or Treat was a success. Georgett counted 330 children. They were in Halloween costumes as were most of their parents. The crew did a great job however traffic was congested. It was suggested that we have a meeting with the Clearlake Riviera Community Association prior to the event next year to review the rules. We need to make sure the Ely Docents have control.

November Fiddlers' Jam: We had a good crowd and everyone followed the rules regarding masks and social distancing. We made a profit of \$587 which included food, drinks, and donations. The Fiddlers have been approached about playing at our ten-year reunion next July.

Equipment and Native Plant Signage: The ground has been prepared and the plants are ready to be planted.

Marilyn called Caltrans about a sign out on the highway and it doesn't appear we qualify. John had previously looked into this and received the same information.

Ely Tenth Anniversary: A committee has been formed and they met 2 weeks ago. The event will take place on July 17th & 18th, 2021. Saturday will start out at 1pm with some speeches. Craft vendors will be there and at 5pm a catered dinner. Well known Cowboy Poet and Singer, Dave Stamey, will be our entertainment. The price will be \$75. Sunday will be family day. We need to solicit sponsors to cover the cost.

Nominating Committee: A resignation letter was received from Jackie Ridgel. Due to her illness, she is unable to attend meetings. There was a discussion to give Jackie a honorary life membership. Lee moved to grant Jackie the honorary lifetime membership in recognition of her many years of service, Phil 2nd and was approved unanimously. Georgett moved to accept Jackie's resignation with regret, Phil 2nd, passed.

Bonnie would like to move from Recording Secretary to Corresponding Secretary. Everyone agreed to that request. Georgett will put information in Constant Contact about the need for a Recording Secretary. We will nominate that person in December and vote in January per our bylaws.

Wagon Adoption: Bill, John and Jim will meet Thursday November 12th regarding the wagon adoption.

Budget Committee: The committee consists of Jim, Bill, Kat DeMartini, Marilyn, Fred and Laretta Aro. They are scheduled to meet November 18th at 2pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25am

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Skee, Recording Secretary