

Three Rivers Historical Society
Board Minutes – March 10, 2015
Avondale Civic Center

Present: Al Field, Betty Lynch, Wendy Neely, Mark Pelletier, JoAnn Gongaware, Laura Kaino, David Meese, Sally Kiko
Excused: Diane Fekete

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 PM by Mark Pelletier.

The first order of business was to discuss the handling of the refunds to donors to the Centennial Trail. After discussion it was decided that a letter would be sent to all known donors offering them a choice. They can opt for a refund of their donation or choose to leave the donation with 3RHS to further the goals of the society. We will include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the donors to respond. It was further agreed that the motion passed in the February Board Meeting was sufficient.

The Bylaws Committee passed out copies of the Bylaws with proposed changes in red. It was decided that JoAnn would send an electronic copy that would allow us to spend more time to study and comment on the changes and propose other changes if needed. The positions of 2nd Vice President and Corresponding Secretary were discussed.

We then discussed how to proceed with future meetings. A consensus was reached that we would continue our current schedule of monthly public meetings on the third Tuesdays at 3 PM. These meetings would have a very brief period for announcements and the rest devoted to our guest speakers. We will take summer hiatus for the months of June and July and return in August. These meetings through May will remain at the meeting room at the Goodyear Library. We will plan evening meetings at a later date. Board meetings will continue to meet on the second Tuesday from 3 to 5 PM. Betty Lynch will try to schedule the Mohave Rome at Avondale City Hall for the next few months. Laura reported that she had two potential guest speakers and will contact them to see if they can speak at the April or May meetings. Please continue to make suggestions for guest speakers to Mark.

Mark suggested that our organization should make the effort to have a presence at most of the public events that are held in the West Valley communities. We reviewed what event equipment we have, namely an EZ Up that needs repair, a six foot table, and a vinyl banner.

Mark asked if there was an inventory of archival documents, photos and artifacts. Sally thought that our Archivist, Peggy Jones would be able to provide an inventory if requested. She explained that in the past the secretary has stored paper copies of agendas, minutes, treasurer's reports, correspondence and other documents. We discussed The Quarterly, how it is put together, layout and printing.

Sally reported on a meeting with Judy Cook and Judy Fulton. They had approached Sally and inquired if 3RHS would be willing to begin a discussion on a joining of the two historical societies. This is something we have touched on before and all felt it was worth beginning the conversation. Mark, Laura and Sally agreed to serve on a committee to meet with representative of Litchfield Park Historical Society in the near future. Sally will contact Judy Cook.

Mark reported on Goodyear's Centennial project, the Litchfield Train Depot. He had served on the committee and it has since stopped meeting. They have formed a 501(3)(c). He will send a letter to them to offer the assistance of the 3RHS.