

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM**

June 13, 2017

Casa San Ysidro, Corrales

Present: Harold "Hal" Behl, Chair
Jerry Goss, Vice Chair
Pamela Chavez, Secretary
Wayne Chew
Joni Palmer
Judy Suiter
Alan Weitzel, ABQ Museum Foundation

Cathy Wright, Museum Director
Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education
Andrew Connors, Curator of Art
Deborah Slaney, Curator of History
Emily Fox, ABQM Foundation Executive Director

Absent: Louise Campbell-Tolber
Pamela Weese

Action items in red

Chairman Behl called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 11, 2017, Board of Trustees meeting at Casa Say Ysidro Historic House were reviewed. Jerry Goss moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. New Trustee Wayne Chew seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson's Report - Hal Behl

- Hal asked Cathy if the minutes were getting to the right person at the City.
 - Cathy will find out who should be getting them and send an official copy.
- Hal asked if Trustees are attending Museum Staff meetings?
 - Cathy will create a calendar of staff meetings
- Hal asked if Trustees are represented on all committees?
 - We need to get Joni and Wayne on committees
 - Wayne volunteered to serve on the Art Advisory Committee
 - Joni volunteered to serve on the Casa San Ysidro Committee
- Hal commented that the recent 2nd Saturday was excellent
- Hal asked about 50th Anniversary activities. Cathy reported:
 - The 3rd Thursday in September will be a celebration
 - On September 7th there will be a Press Conference and Proclamation
 - The CAO gave permission to only charge \$.50 on that day
 - There are ongoing articles in the monthly AM newsletter
 - Collection guides are coming out
- Hal gave each person a Russian stacking doll key chain from his recent trip
- Hal thanked Alan Weitzel for his exemplary service as the Foundation Chairman of the Board, and for his attendance at Trustee meetings.

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Museum Director's Report – Cathy Wright

- Cathy reported that former Foundation Executive Director Debra Romero passed away
 - A Memorial service will be held at the Museum on 6/26 at 1 p.m.
 - Jerry passed around a sympathy card he had brought for all to sign
- The City budget is in limbo
- The Board of Trustees has all 9 members for the first time in a while
 - **This might be a good time for a press release announcing the members of the BOT**
- The Annual Membership Meeting is Monday, April 17, at 10:00 a.m.
- Attendance YTD is 117,199 – very good with 3 weeks left

Foundation Report – Alan Weitzel

- Alan's term as Chairman of the Foundation Board has ended
- On Wednesday, April 19, the Foundation will hold its final Board meeting of the Fiscal Year
- The past year has been successful: Through mid-June the Foundation provided \$825,000 in support to the Albuquerque Museum
- The Foundation will be rolling out the "Albuquerque Museum Contemporaries" plan to draw in people under 40
 - Foundation staff have looked at the success of similar initiatives
- Alan invited the Trustees to join the Philadelphia traveling program: there are 12 so far and 20 are needed to make the trip a "go".
- The Museum has temporary employees who can only hold the positions for two years. They can take a break for three months then work two more.
 - The Foundation has paid those three months as contract workers who do special projects for the Foundation (Emily Stovel is one)
 - Emily Fox would like to set up an endowed Curatorship fund
- The Foundation will establish an Ad Hoc Committee to work with the Museum to find \$50-\$60,000 in preliminary funding for the Education Center's design fee
- The Foundation will devote \$30,000 to a new website
- Alan approached the Indian Pueblo Culture Center (IPCC) to promote the Museum's 50th:
 - Met with CEO Mike Canfield and Executive Director Monique Fragua
 - Mentioned cross promotions with them, they are interested
 - Rosalie Lucero, a Museum docent, lives on Isleta Pueblo
 - An idea was mentioned to have a show about Isleta Pueblo in the Keleher Hall
 - Emily Fox and her staff will reach out to the IPCC for collaboration
 - Cathy mentioned that the Museum has collaborated with the IPCC staff and had a huge Isleta show 9-10 years ago
 - **It was recommended that Trustees check with Cathy and her staff about existing collaborations and outreach before contacting other organizations**
 - **Cathy and Emily Fox will get in touch with Monique to explore initiatives**
 - **Cathy is also meeting with representatives from Explora and the NM Museum of Natural History to look at collaborations**
 - A clear policy would need to be developed in conjunction with the Museum's

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Curator Reports

Deb

- Publicity has been great lately: There was a terrific article in the NM Magazine
- The wonderful Leekya Family Exhibit opens on June 24th
- The first publication of Casa San Ysidro is coming out on July 12th. There will be a 2nd Saturday event on July 8th
- Deb distributed the minutes of the April 5th meeting of the History Advisory Committee
 - Of particular note:
 - A donation by Ramona Hodeman of family memorabilia
 - A donation by Andrew Wallace, Aaron Wallace, Susanna Porter, Megan Love and Glen Wallace of items relating to the De Anza Motor Lodge, Route 66 trading posts and southwestern silverwork.

Elizabeth

- This Thursday, June 15th, is the Annual Family Night, one of the better attended events with a usual attendance of about 700 people.
 - The theme is Super Heroes.
 - Attendees will be surveyed at the event as part of the National Survey
- Elizabeth is working with the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Education Curator on a July 8th feature film that is a Sundance Festival pick.
- On July 20th there will be a staged reading of a Breaking Bad pilot show, held in the amphitheater – it is expected to be a popular event.
 - The reading is a collaboration with Fusion Theater.
 - The event is free but guests will need to register for a space
- “My Space” is a new project organized by Catholic Charities
 - The youth mentoring summer project provides a safe space for relocated youth to create and exhibit art.
 - The group will use the Museum school on weekends and will install a temporary installation in the back sculpture garden
 - The opening is in mid July
- Elizabeth is working with the CNM Disability Center to create access to the Museum’s exhibits for people who are deaf
 - Labels in the “Common Ground” exhibit are already translated into Spanish. The Center’s personnel will translate the labels into sign language, and provide an app or link to other solutions.
 - Our Museum could be one of the first in the country to do this.

Andrew

- The Museum is the first site in the United States for the “Visions of the Hispanic World” exhibit from the Prado Museum in Madrid.
 - This is the first time Hispanic and Latin Spanish works will be exhibited together
 - The exhibit costs \$400,000.
 - ACVB might have funds to help promote the exhibit outside of Albuquerque
 - Joni mentioned that the Iberian Institute at UNM might be interested in helping
 - There are over 200 objects

- The exhibit will be in Galleries 1 and 7 and the North Gallery
- There will be openings in November and December
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- The work of the current artist in the lobby, Virginia Ortiz, will be up until July 9th
 - The work of Paul Sarkisian from Galisteo will open in July
- The Art Advisory Committee meeting minutes were presented
 - The Committee is focusing on jewelry acquisitions for the upcoming exhibit
 - There was a generous gift from David Jenness

New Business

None

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING August 8, 2017, 11:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

2017 Board of Trustees Meetings

October 10

December 12

2018 Board of Trustees Meetings

February 13

April 10

June 12