

Minutes: Inverness Foundation 1/24/2024

Attendance: William Barrett, Alex Porrata, Carmen Violich-Goodin, Jerry Merrill, Andrea Apatow, Courtney Linn, Dinelle Abram, Andrew Buckingham, John Longstreth

Absent: Angela Whitney

Guests: Tess Elliott, Woody Elliott

Motion to approve minutes by ?

Andrew Buckingham 2nd it

Tess Elliott representing Pt Reyes Light project to document Mexican families through oral history project. Applying for county non-profit community grant. Asking for fiscal sponsorship. No objections from Courtney Lin who is on both boards. Andrew Buckingham thinks it's perfect for the museum because they have been doing oral histories for years. Jack Mason Museum will be an official partner. Historical photographs on permanent display at Civic Center and National Park Service and there is no Latino representation at all. Long overdue. Socorro Romo of WMCS Latino History Project is endorsing and super supportive. Would like children of the workers to interview parents. Light contribution will be in-kind. All will be paid to people doing the work. Andrea Apatow sees it becoming a book.

Approved Unanimously

Jerry report on Acacias. Jesus Mecias will be hired by Jerry Meral and his liability insurance. If anything happens, he will take responsibility. If not, he would like to be paid back. Everyone is adamant we cannot use unlicensed contractors. Alex Porrata to ask Pepe Franco. Tom Kent told him to call Pepe. Done. Some folks cutting firewood. Louis Ptak paid for a larger tree to be cleaned up. Courtney linn said it is unconscionable to be approved by a board of directors to do this work without a permit.

Motion to move forward on getting a contracted tree guy to clean up the spot after the permit is
Carmen Seconded / Passed

Andrea wants a public apology. Buckingham says we should just keep cleaning it and get it done.

4). Tomales Bay State Park Forest Health & Wildfire Resilience Public Works Project- shall we sign letter of support?

Motion to sign: Andrea

ZERO opposition.

Jack Mason Museum Report Andrew Buckingham

Met on Saturday 1/21/2024 have another exhibit before Inverness Fair. Drapes are terrible. Couches too. They are super uncomfortable. Museum Committee wants to keep them. There will be added blackout shades to protect actual art. Decorative curtain over. The board is falling apart. A lot of art has been damaged. Falls off the wall. There's no airflow in summer. Can we have an old-fashioned fan here? Window above stairwell could help once repaired. It's a historical landmark. Jerry doesn't think so. They are going to confirm.

Courtney Linn Budget report: He already covered high points. IA/IF merger paid for funds. Looked at funding resources. Nothing beyond that. Jerry asked in the fall that we budget or put forward a proposed budget. Frank Truttman did that with historical expenditures (included in packet). Does meet Jerry's request about improvements tonight or next meeting. Annual membership appeal lifted finances, property taxes are coming due and will be around 5 or 6 G's. We get reimbursement from the tennis club. They don't mess around.

Trails & Bridges: It's wintertime things aren't growing greatly but when Tom Gaman returns they will get on the erosion. Some of the trails on this side of first valley need some work because they are steep. He'll get back to us if he needs any help.

Building Report: Kathy Hartzel has been handling insurance. Who wants to take it over? It's a nightmare and we need someone who can take this on as their specialty as the next part of their term.

Jerry Meral- Gables. We have a committee. Lots happening. Bids on windows and insulations coming in. Most importantly and urgently. It is time to get up there and get rid of stuff. We need to empty the attic to insulate it. Will discuss later when all bids are in.

Andrea asked what Dewey has up there. TONS. Has a lot of it. There is a storage container up in the attic. Talk of expanding the annex to add space for museum artifacts. Carmen is willing to scan. She has hard drive from Kathy with historical documents. Need to find the deed to Plant Park.

Nominating Committee: Alex nominates Felix Chamberland. Jerry joined the nominating committee.

Membership Committee: Dinelle expresses frustration with maintaining the records. Jerry Meral working with non-profit software company to get a bid for new software.

Website: outdated. Carmen is happy to help with website.

Alex to take care of the IA box. I'll get key from Kathy Hartzell.

FOUNDATION MEETING CONCLUDES

Association/Foundation merger: Jerry Meral we're in process and the MCFL will be sending us a letter to renegotiate our lease.

All members need to sign from all directors. One can one can't