

The Patagonia Museum
Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2009

I. Call to Order

German Quiroga called to order the regular meeting of the Patagonia Museum at 2:10 p.m. in the Patagonia Town Council Chambers.

II. Attendees

German Quiroga, President
Ralph Schmitt, Vice President
Ramon Quiroga, Treasurer
Bobbi Leon, Secretary
Elena Quiroga, Member at Large
Tom Bartholomeau
Cornelia O'Conner
George Proctor
Julie Quiroz
Cristal Rivera
Axel Holm
Bea Quiroga
Enrique Rodriguez
Terry Rodriguez

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Bobbi Leon read the minutes from the November 5, 2009 regular meeting. Correction to the minutes: Cornelia O'Conner will research grant information not Susan Lange.

Minutes were approved with the correction by Rose Quiroga, seconded by Julie Quiroz.

IV. Open issues

a) Treasurer's Report:

A deposit of \$115 was not previously taken into account leaving an ending balance on 11/30 of \$861.93; \$35 was received for new member George Proctor which gave us a balance of \$896.93 on 12/19. A fifty dollar donation was received from Fran Russell.

Lochiel Preservation Fund balance \$100

Patagonia Building Museum fund balance \$185

Patagonia Museum possibilities (railroad car square footage is approximately 720 square feet but ideally Patagonia Museum would need more):

German indicated that the building used by the Seventh Day Adventist may become available which has between 2-3,000 square feet; Lopez Pool Hall (perhaps half of the building could be utilized by the museum); Rose Quiroga suggested looking into a modular building; Terry Rodriguez suggested preserving a building that's already in Patagonia.

V. New business

- a) Axel Holm, Director of the Pimeria Alta Historical Society was the guest speaker. Mr. Holm gave a brief overview of other organizations within Arizona such as the Arizona Pioneer Historical Society, Phoenix Historical Society, Science Museum and the Tucson Historical Society in relation to the number of members and the type of structures that house these organizations. Mr. Holm expressed to not lose site of history and he suggested that a history committee be developed within the Patagonia Museum in order to continue with the history. He emphasized that even though our organization did not have a building yet the history is here. In addition, he suggested that our first priority should be to get information out to the people not just through email but through the US mail. He shared with the members newsletters which he developed.
- b) Develop a history journey for the public and loop a unified effort to include Tombstone, Patagonia, Nogales and Tubac.
- c) Tie in with Earth Day Celebration with a historical walk and/or trail walk.
- d) Suggestion for a newsletter to include the number of members in June to current number of members in December, our goals: facility for the Museum and the preservation of the Lochiel Schoolhouse, the history of the museum itself which started out as Western Heritage, then Borderland Museum and currently The Patagonia Museum.
- e) Next Meeting: Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

VI. Adjournment

Rose Quiroga moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 and Julie Quiroz seconded the motion.

Minutes submitted by: Bobbi Leon