

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM  
August 11, 2015

Present:	Kathleen Davison-Lebeck Louise Campbell-Tolber Dr. Jerome Goss Beverly Bendicksen	Cathy Wright Andrew Connors Deborah Slaney Elizabeth Becker Cynthia Garcia Debra Romero, AMF Director
Absent:	Jacobo de la Serna, Chair Harold Behl Pamela Chavez	John Cordova Dr. Siu Wong

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m.

Jerry Goss convened the meeting, noting that there is no quorum.

Approval of the minutes of the June 9, 2015, Board of Trustees meeting were tabled due to no quorum.

Cathy introduced Toni Martorelli, a member of the Library Advisory Board, as a guest. She and Cathy had met about possible Board advocacy roles. Toni suggested that she make a presentation to the museum Board of Trustees at this meeting.

Cathy Wright reported that the FY 2015 attendance closed at 127,000 (combined for Casa (9,000) and the Museum (118,685). During the Killer Heels exhibit, attendance and facility rentals totaled 45,000 (about 38% of our annual attendance). After the meeting, the Board is invited tour the new collections storage area. Senator Udall's local staff will be visiting today for Museum Advocacy week.

Beverly Bendicksen reported as President for the Albuquerque Museum Foundation. There has not been a FY 16 Board meeting, yet several committees are up and meeting. There will be several small amendments in investment policies. Changes to the Miniatures & More format that will be presented to the board by Garrett Smith, co-chair of the committee. AMF will be replacing the collectors dinner with a private premiere reception/cocktail party on the Friday before the Gala, where works will be available for the attendees purchase. The fee will be less than last year's collector's dinner, but with more people attending.

Andrew Connors reported on the last Art Advisory Committee meeting April 14. Changes to the minutes reflect that the Harrison Begay painting being proposed as a gift has been rescinded. The list of proposed purchases has been approved and is in

process. The next Art Advisory Committee meeting follows the Board of Trustees meeting this afternoon.

Elizabeth Becker reported on this summer's Chatter concerts with great attendance from old and young alike, as well as being supported by grants from the Urban Enhancement Trust Fund and New Mexico Arts. There are a couple of Community Days coming up in conjunction with *Only in Albuquerque*: this Sunday is spirited and focuses on Neighborhoods, Artful Life, and community-based art projects from the International District. She is working on a September Community Day. Lectures for *Only in Albuquerque* are sponsored by the New Mexico Humanities Council. Sid Gutierrez spoke last Sunday and was a great hit with the audience. He showed photographs of Earth taken from the space shuttle, which logged about 14,000 images.

There was no report on the History Advisory Committee; minutes are attached.

Cathy introduced Toni Martorelli, former Director of Cultural Services and Family & Community Services for the City. She has also worked with a strategic planning and meeting-facilitation company and is currently on the Library Advisory Board. That Board has an advocacy committee that has been involved in securing funding for the library system from the state legislature and other government entities in New Mexico. She presented how the Library Advisory Board has made inroads with fundraising for the library and developed their advocacy program, and suggested that the Board may want to follow up with a committee to address specific planning for advocacy.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2015, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**