

ANDERSON ABRUZZO ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON MUSEUM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

July 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peter Cuneo at 4:04 PM.

Present were Peter Cuneo, Karen Brown, Troy Bradley, Betty Ann McDermott, Cindy Hernandez Wall, Sid Gutierrez, Margie Marino and Josh Bacon. Also present were Deputy Director Hakim Bellamy and museum staff Marilee Nason and Amanda Lujan. Foundation Executive Director Laurie Magovern and Foundation President John Chavez were also present.

The minutes from the last meeting were read. There were a few typos corrected. Betty Ann moved and Cindy seconded the minutes be approved as corrected.

MUSEUM REPORT

Interviews have been held with the manager candidates. Four top people have been identified. The city is planning a public review at the end of July or early August with hiring anticipated in early September. The public review will consist of staff tours and presentations followed by a small reception. There will be an opportunity for questions.

The draft of the agreement between the city and the Foundation has been presented to the Foundation. The city would like to have the new agreement in place before the new manager is on board. Peter said he is looking forward to working more closely with the Foundation.

The Wind Riders film proposal is moving forward. The KiMo is on board with showing dates for the Tuesday or Wednesday of Fiesta. Nancy would also like to show the film at the museum and possibly at the Natural History Museum.

Peter announced that Julian Nott's partner, Ann, has agreed to donate several boxes of Julian's collection to the museum. The items should be ready for pick up in the next several months.

Strategic planning has been tabled until the new manager is hired. Shelle has signed off on the registrar position. The position will be advertised and hiring will take place after September. A new volunteer coordinator will be hired through temporary hiring.

EDUCATION

Amanda announced the loss of the two of the educators and the volunteer coordinator. Anita will take over family programs and Amanda will do field trips. FY 19 saw fall field trips at 38 schools with 2,475 children and 518 adults. Spring was 40 field trips with 2,091 children and 479 adults. The education policy update is in the works.

EXHIBITIONS

The Exhibitions Committee has been meeting. J.D. and Troy are on the committee. Upcoming exhibits include public art in September, a Two Eagles upgrade in January 2020. Also planned for 2020 is an exhibit on Women in Ballooning. The exhibit on the 50th anniversary of Fiesta will be in place by September 2021. It will be a permanent exhibit. Funds have been approved by the state and city and will be matched by the Foundation over the next three years. Meetings

have been held with Fiesta but no formal plan is in the works yet. A project to repair and correct existing exhibits is also planned.

COLLECTIONS – Marilee Nason

The Collections Committee met recently and reviewed the policy. The collection contains several thousand pins and volunteers are working on these. Framing materials are being rehoused. Marilee Nason has received several requests for information including from Ghost Ranch and a gentleman from Argentina.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Laurie reported on a very successful July 4th event with 1,600 in attendance and revenue of \$23,000. Net revenue was \$10,000. Chic-I-Boom Ball is August 9. It is 99% sold out. Laurie would like to see the Trustees have a table. Ticket sales are up and running for Fiesta and some events are already sold out. John noted Laurie has been doing a great job.

OLD BUSINESS

Peter is working on developing a service award for past Trustee members. Cindy noted the Rio Grande Balloon Camp will be held at the museum in the next week.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 pm.

The next meeting will be September 11, 4:00 pm at the museum.