ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
held at the Albuquerque Museum Conference Room
2000 Mountain Road NW

14 August 2019

Present: BOT members:
Judith Suiter, Chair
Pamela Weese Powell
Beverly Bendicksen
Helen Atkins
Alan Weitzel
joni palmer
Hal Behl
Wayne Chew

CABQ STAFF:
Andrew Connors, Museum Director
Cynthia Garcia, Assistant Director
Josie Lopez, Curator of Art
Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education
Rebecca Prinster, Assistant Curator of History
Denise Crouse, Communications Manager

aM FOUNDATION:
Emily Blaugrund Fox, Executive Director

Action Items in RED.

Meeting called to order
Chairperson Judith Suiter called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Approval of Minutes
Beverly moved to approve the June 12th minutes with a second by Alan. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson’s Report – Judith Suiter
The draft 2017-2018 / 2018-2019 annual report with recommendations to the Mayor and City Council prepared by Judith and Hal was distributed to the Board for review. Comments were solicited and the draft will be completed with Denise’s assistance. Options for presenting the report to the Mayor and City Council were discussed including extending an invitation to them (mindful of quorum rules) for a visit at the Museum where it can be presented in person.

Museum Director’s Report—Andrew Connors
- 40th anniversary of the Albuquerque Museum.
- Presented copies of Palace of the Governors book to each board member.
- Casa San Ysidro activities have been very successful.
- Japanese American exhibition has also been a huge success.

Foundation Report—Emily Blaugrund Fox
- New hires:
  Mandy Edwards, Membership
  Eric Parker, Program Associate (ArtsThrive)
- ArtsThrive dinner is Oct. 17; Gala is Oct. 19.
- Working on memorial gifts from docent donations
- Batten House: renovating the entrance to the library and selling items difficult to maintain with an auction house to boost endowment

Curator Reports
Josie Lopez, Curator of Art
- Other museums have been visiting the Albuquerque Museum
- Sharing with Boston Art Museum, Denver Museum of Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art and others. The Albuquerque Museum collections are being noticed by other museums in the US.
- eMuseum: continuing to add items to online database
- Changes in sculpture garden: refreshed and rearranged sculptures

**Rebecca Prinster, Assistant Curator of History**
- Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American World War II Experience exhibition continues to attract visitors.

**Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education**
- So far, 42 bookings at Casa San Ysidro and 50 at the Museum – all Magic Bus tours.
- Received grant from Jane Henson Foundation for programming and youth programming.
- Grant from Aroha Philanthropies ($40k over two years) to develop hands-on creative programs regarding learning opportunities for age 55 and older adults.
- Memoir writing workshop 8-week class August and September.
- Chatter concert series 10th anniversary – developing their concerts around exhibitions; attendance has doubled this year.

**Other Reports**
**Denise Crouse, Communications Manager**
- Media support continues to be outstanding with great coverage about upcoming exhibitions.
- Design Magazine interview with Albuquerque Museum Exhibitions Designer Stephen Hutchins; she will get copies of the magazine for us or digital copies to share.
- Engaging the public through Facebook (16,000 followers), Twitter (4,500 followers) and Instagram (2,500 followers).

**Election of Officers for 2019-2020 Board of Trustees**
The following slate of officers was presented by Judith:
- Chair: Pamela Weese Powell
- Vice-Chair: Beverly Bendickson
- Secretary/Treasurer: Helen Atkins

Hal made a motion to approve the slate of officers for 2019-2020 with a second by Wayne. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn @ 12:39 pm**

**NEXT MEETING: Weds. 9 October @ 11:30 am to 1 pm in the ABQ Museum Conference Room**