

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM**

12 December 2018

Present: BOT members:

Judith Suiter, Chair
joni m palmer, Secretary/Treasurer
Pamela Weese Powell, Vice-Chair
Helen Atkins
Beverly Bendicksen
Alan Weitzel
Hal Behl

CABQ STAFF:

Andrew Connors, Museum Director
Cynthia Garcia, Assistant Director
Deb Slaney, Curator of History
Jessica Coyle, Education
Denise Crouse, Communications Manager

aM FOUNDATION:

Emily Blaugrund Fox, Executive Director

Absent: Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education; Wayne Chew (BOT); Maria Griego-Raby, aM Foundation President and BOT

Action Items in RED.

Meeting called to order

Chairperson Judith Suiter called the meeting to order at 11:34 am.

Approval of / Revisions to Minutes

- joni to amend meeting minutes before sending to Denise to be posted to CABQ website.
- Beverly Bendicksen moved to approve the minutes, Pamela Weese Powell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Josie Lopez, PhD, new Curator of Art

- A few words from Josie (Former Foundation Board member, first few days at museum) and introduction of BOT.
- Andrew: Museum is now going to do press releases for new staff.

Chairperson's Report—Judith Suiter

- Comments on the *Visions* exhibition.
 - Andrew: Update on *Visions* exhibition attendance.
 - joni: advertising at UNM, CNM, SFCC?
 - Asked Denise for flyers to distribute to colleagues on campus (e.g., departments: History, School of Architecture + Planning, Honors College, Geography & Environmental Studies, etc.).
 - Denise will email joni flyer
 - Pamela: Possible Auction Item? = a personal experience at Museum – not Foundation work but Museum work

City Budgeting and Finance for the Museum— Cynthia Garcia

Presentation of update on proposed budget for museum next year.

Board Activity/Discussion—Andrew Connors and joni palmer: Community Cultures and Voices of the Albuquerque Museum (20 minutes)

- Andrew: first ask is to bring people to the museum; second ask: 3 questions from August
- Beverly: which communities are we not reaching?

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Andrew: The Community Foundation has determined not reaching several communities: geographic, cultural and economic. Why are they not applying? What barriers are they facing? First on their radar is the International District, so going to create new grant structure for next year (new grant is called TAPESTRY).

Re: The Museum: Get Community Foundation information and findings, and find a way to partner, re: getting these groups into the museum

- Data Collection: What we are currently doing and how might we make it more robust and useable.
- Education Center: **Andrew: will send electronic version of Education Center documents to all; please read for next meeting the programming document to better understand tools, resources and staff, outreach efforts, etc.**

Museum Director's Report—Andrew Connors

- Deb Slaney retiring at end of January 2019, Curator of History for 18 years.
- Docents are very engaged; Docent Guide, working with Elizabeth and Jessica.
- Please bring people and introduce them to the museum.

Foundation Report—Emily Blaugrund Fox [Maria Griego-Raby, President not able to attend meeting]

- Arts Thrive: \$130,000 net so far, which is on par with last year.
 - New art and new artists;
 - Put work that wasn't sold on flickr and had 50 inquiries and over 30 pieces sold online;
 - Looking to moving other programs online, too.
- Shaken, Not Stirred: 13 April; Raffle Hawaii trip.
- Museums of America is next trip.
- Foundation is working on developing a draft naming policy.
- Foundation Board: 2 new members = voting on next week.
- Asked for 4 new permanent positions.
- Tool: AMF Guide: spreadsheet she uses for her work → **Emily will email around to the board.**
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Curator Reports

Josie Lopez, Art Curators Report

Some grant gifts offered at first meeting.

Deb Slaney, Curator of History

- Successful resolution (City approved) re: human remains. De-accession thanks to BOT; 27 November notified Pueblos and they requested Museum hold onto until January.
- Upcoming opening: Pesos to Patriots (Re: Daughters of American Revolution).

Jessica Coyle in for Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education

- Highlights:
 - 13 Jan. talk.
 - Openings on 22 Dec. and 26 Jan. and Th 21 Feb.
 - More programming re: *Visions* exhibition.

Public Outreach—Denise Crouse

- Any ideas/connections, let her know.
- Were given more money from City and Foundation.
 - CABQ: 5 digital billboards + 180 boards in public spaces.
- Great graphic designers are on staff, creating consistent identity for new exhibit. Also, other exhibitions.

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New Business--None

Reminders

- Next BOT meeting is Wednesday the 13 February at 11:30 am to 1pm in the ABQ Museum Conf. Rm.

Adjourn @ 1:16 pm

Pamela Weese Powell moved that the meeting be adjourned and Alan Weitzel seconded. Unanimous approval.