

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM
October 10, 2017

Present:	Harold “Hal” Behl, Chair	Cathy Wright, Museum Director
	Jerry Goss, Vice Chair	Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education
	Pamela Chavez, Secretary	Deborah Slaney, Curator of History
	Wayne Chew	Andrew Connors, Curator of Art
	Joni Palmer	Emily Blaugrund Fox, AM Foundation Executive
	Judy Suiter	Director
	Louise Campbell-Tolber	Deborah Good, AM Foundation Brd Chr
	Pamela Weese	Denise Crouse, AM Marketing Coordinator

Absent: None

Action items in red.

Chairman Behl called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 8, 2017, Board of Trustees meeting were reviewed. Jerry Goss moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Louise Campbell-Tolber seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson’s Report – Hal Behl

- The Casa San Ysidro Harvest Festival was a great success with almost 1,400 people in attendance.
 - Elizabeth Becker added that vendor sales were great and they had a good time
- Election of Board of Trustees Officer positions are held on a progression basis with Officers moving up to successive positions. All present at the meeting agreed
 - The slate was presented:
 - Jerry Goss – Chairman
 - Pamela Chavez – Vice Chairman
 - Judy Suiter – Secretary/Treasurer
 - With no nominations from the floor, Hal moved the slate be accepted by acclamation.
 - Pamela Weese seconded the motion
 - The vote passed unanimously
 - A recommendation was made to change “Vice Chairman” to “Chair Elect”
 - **Cathy will see if this needs approval by the city and if it requires a bylaws change**
 - No motion was made pending Cathy’s report from the city
 - **Pamela Weese agreed to look at Roberts Rules of Order for information**
 - Jerry assumed leadership of the meeting and called on Cathy for her report

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Museum Director's Report – Cathy Wright

- Pauline Willis and Marjorie (name???) from the American Federation of Art and Tracy Fitzpatrick (the Neuberger daughter from Santa Fe) attended the Neuberger Exhibit opening
- Cathy announced that she is retiring at the end of December and said it has been a fantastic run as Director because of the BOT, Staff and Foundation support and being tremendous advocates for the Museum
 - She has high hopes for the new City administration and advises the BOT Chair to meet with the new director of Cultural Affairs early
- Search Process for a new AM Director
 - Cathy explained that the BOT appoints a Search Committee to drive the process but the timeline is driven by the city administration (Ordinance attached)
 - **She will come back to help train the new person**
 - **Jerry will look into the process and prefers to work with the new administration; he mentioned the BOT will all need to put in more time to help with this process**
 - **Jerry and Cathy will meet with Dana Feldman**
 - **Hal will put together the schedule**
 - **Jerry will gather information**
 - **Cathy will help with background questions and information**
 - **Jerry mentioned Rita Longino put together the last AM Director search process and he will communicate with her**
 - Hal asked if we have an up to date job description
 - **Cathy will come up with one that makes sense to Museum Directors, the American Alliance of Museums and Regional Associations**
- The BOT thanked Cathy for an outstanding job as Director

Foundation Report – Dr. Deborah Good and Emily Blaugrund Fox

- The Foundation Board Holiday Lunch will be at the Museum on December 20th – the BOT and AM staff are invited
- Arts Thrive is coming soon
 - The show is fantastic
 - 38 tickets have been sold for the Friday Collectors Dinner (out of 48), for \$9,600 – the most in sales yet.
 - Patrick Nagatani will give each couple at the Dinner a signed copy of his book
 - There will be an opportunity to bid on his portfolio of 20 photos – as he is in failing health, this is a special chance
 - Saturday event – Every Foundation board member has to sell 8 tickets. There are \$17,265 in ticket sales with 345 guests registered
- The Albuquerque Museum Contemporaries group has been launched with a lot of support from Karanina.
 - Cost to join is \$275 – there are 6 people to date
 - The 6 members organized themselves into a Council leadership group and will plan activities.

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Foundation Report – Dr. Deborah Good and Emily Blaugrund Fox

- There will be a Governing Committee Meeting on 10/11
 - The Committee will determine how to select new board members, composition, structure, selection process, etc.
 - The committee will look at bylaws additions to allow non Board members on the Development Committee (other AMF committees allow non Board members)
- Emily is working on an AMF coordinated trip to Philadelphia, a walkable city
 - The trip will include art, history, walking tours, garden viewing, free nights, etc.
 - On the trip to Brandywine to see Wyeth, the group stayed together
 - AMF might plan an international trip to a walkable city
- AMF is struggling with the website which is not user friendly
 - There is a call for a new website design that is easier to use

Curator Reports

Andrew

- On behalf of the staff, thanked Hal for his frequent appearances at the Museum and Museum events, noting that his enthusiasm makes it pleasant to be a staff person
- Patrick Nagatani's book is out, thanks to Emily for the Foundation's funds to publish it: It was a labor of love for Patrick
- The next exhibit is in the Jim and Angelique Lowery Gallery: The Amy Biehl High School students are featuring the "Art of Politics".
 - The youth curated the show and have been volunteering for it ever since: it has been fun to have them on site.
 - The show could be controversial

Elizabeth

- In October, the Museum Education Programs will feature "When Modern is Contemporary"
- On 10/25, School Partnerships will feature Teachers Workshops with over 50 APS Elementary School teachers (participation is required) in conjunction with "When Modern is Contemporary".
 - The lesson plans tie into the exhibit; tours will be offered
- On 10/22, there will be the 1st of a 3 part short course from "When Modern is Contemporary". The series is free but reservations are required to control audience size. It's filling up.
- On 10/28, the Santa Fe Opera will conduct an Early Childhood Initiative with teachers
- On 12/2, the Museum will feature the "The Zen of Abstraction", focusing on Zen artists of "When Modern is Contemporary". Assistant Art Curator Titus O'Brien, a Zen priest, is providing a guided meditation

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Deb

- The Keleher Gallery will be the site for “Mansions, Motoring and Millenials” featuring the Huning Highland District. Ann Carson is leading the project.
 - A panel put together a great exhibit
- Also in the Keleher Gallery will be an exhibit of the Japanese American Experience in World War II. The exhibit has travelling components from Chicago
- The minutes of the History Advisory Committee August 2nd Meeting were distributed. Highlights include some memorable donations
 - A 50th Anniversary logo mug and refrigerator magnet
 - A Two foot section of trolley track recovered during A.R.T. construction
- Deb is working on the next exhibit in the Keleher Gallery to open on November 11th
 - The exhibit is on the Huning Highland Addition and East Downtown focusing on how the period of reconstruction changed the district
- The History Advisory Committee received a small collection of gifts to the Photo Archives including first edition signed books by Max Evans donated by Jerome and Lorraine Goss.

New Business

None

Adjourn

Pamela Weese moved that the meeting be adjourned and Louise Campbell-Tolber seconded.
Unanimous approval

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING December 12, 2017, 11:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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February 13

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