

ANDERSON ABRUZZO ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON MUSEUM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by Chair Peter Cuneo.

Present were: Peter Cuneo, J.D. Huss, Troy Bradley, Michael Anderson, Sid Guitierrez, Karen Brown, Cindy Hernandez Wall, Josh Bacon and Betty Ann McDonald. Staff present were Nan Masland, Eric Wimmer and Lynn Newton. Laurie Magovern represented the Foundation.

The Minutes were read. Mike moved and Peter seconded the minutes be approved. Passed.

Nan reported that Marilee Nason has retired. Lynn Newton is the new Exhibitions Curator. It was also noted that long time museum supporter Dick Donovan has passed away.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board positions open are Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

The Board approved the following officer. Peter Cuneo, Chair, Josh Bacon, Vice Chari and Karen Brown, Secretary.

Karen noted she will accept the position but would like to pass the secretary duties on to someone else. Peter suggested members take turns doing the minutes at each meeting. Betty Ann noted she is changing jobs and may not be able to continue on the Board.

The meeting calendar was set for 2021

January 13

March 10

May 12

July 14

September 8

November 19

CITY REPORT

Nan reviewed upcoming projects and thanked the Board for continued support through the closure.

The museum remains closed but work continues. The City Council recently passed a new ordinance for Boards and Commissions. Members will be appointed from specific council districts.

The new branding is approved and will launch in January.

The Women in Ballooning exhibit will open in March. It will be located in the back of the Hall of Fame. A new book about Park Van Tassel will be published soon.

The collection is being videoed and people associated with items in the collection are being interviewed about their donation.

The museum has been contacted by the Sunport to produce an exhibit for the airport that will show off ballooning in Albuquerque. It will be installed in the spring and will remain until after Fiesta.

STAFF REPORTS

Eric reported that the video project is proceeding. Two sessions were completed before Marilee left. The next sessions will focus on specific collections. The museum is applying for a grant to hire someone to do cataloguing. The grant is specific to New Mexico.

Lynn reported that the 50th Fiesta exhibit is her first priority and she will be reconvening the design committee in the near future. The Space and Science exhibit will be relocated.

FOUNDATION

No progress yet on the MOU between the City and the Foundation. Jeremy Rutherford is watching closely to see if there is any change to the funding received in January.

COLLECTIONS

Marilee is working on information for the touch screens and a timeline for the 50th exhibit. The Fiesta Heritage Committee has been very helpful. The contractor will do a mockup. There is a lot of old film footage done by KOB that Kim Vesely was able to save. It needs to be digitized.

Eric reported he is cataloguing items in the data base starting with the Julian Nott collection which has over 400 items. The Jim Winker collection has over 350. He is working with the Albuquerque Museum to standardize nomenclature.

FOUNDATION

Laurie reported on the activities of the Foundation. The fine art exhibition is in place and individual painting can be purchased online through the Foundation website. The new website will launch in late November. November 29 is National Museum Shop Day and the shop will have special sales. Orders are being taken online and by phone. Giving Tuesday is December 1 and donations can be made online. Jeremy Rutherford and the Government Relations Committee will be meeting with legislators concerning the new session.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adjourn was made by Peter and seconded by Sid.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Next meeting is January 13, 2021 at 3:00 pm via Zoom.