

ANDERSON ABRUZZO ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON MUSEUM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

May 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peter Cuneo at 4:00 PM.

Present were Peter Cuneo, Michael Anderson, Karen Brown, Troy Bradley, J.D. Huss, Nancy Abruzzo, Betty Ann McDermott, Cindy Hernandez Wall and Josh Bacon. Scott Appelman joined by phone. Also present were Deputy Director Hakim Bellamy and museum staff Linda Hubley and Marilee Nason. Foundation Executive Director Laurie Magovern and Foundation President John Chavez were also present.

The minutes from the last meeting were read. Betty Ann moved and J.D. seconded the minutes be approved as written.

MUSEUM REPORT

Hakim reported that the job announcement for the Museum Manager has been released. There will be a three week time period for the application process. After the applications are received, they will be reviewed by the city contractor and staff. Interviews will be held and the top three candidates will be chosen. Public meetings will be held and will include the Boards and staff. The goal is to have someone on board by the end of the summer.

Hakim also reported that the new lease and MOU between the city and the Foundation is being reviewed by staff and Board. John Chavez noted there have been numerous meetings between the Board and the city staff. The MOU is not unique to the Balloon Museum and is similar to those being used by other city support groups.

Nancy reported on the Wind Riders film. This is a 55 minute movie about gas and hot air ballooning. It won the most popular movie award at a film festival in New York. The film group would like to show the film in Albuquerque during Fiesta, maybe as a VIP event. Hakim suggested a possible partnership with the Kimo. Nancy would like to see it shown at the museum. Nancy will continue her association with the film group to discuss cost and availability. Hakim will check to see what dates might be open at the Kimo. It would be nice to have it free to the public. There are other venues which can also be contacted.

Peter reported that Julian Nott's wife is interested in having the museum involved in preserving Julian's legacy. The capsule he used for his altitude record is in London and there is a person willing to cover shipping if they would loan it to us. It has been in storage and conservation will be needed before it could be displayed. It needs to be determined if the family is willing to donate items from his collection or if the Foundation could help with a bid. Peter will talk to Ann about her willingness to donate.

COLLECTIONS - Marilee

Marilee reported she now has some regular volunteers helping at the Annex. She has been working on Blaine Sant's collection, some items from Bert Dohle and George Hahn. The Albuquerque Museum is updating the collections policies.

EVENTS – Linda Hubley

Linda announced the volunteer appreciation event on April 13 at noon. There will be Pod Racing events throughout the summer and the summer concert series will be every other Wednesday starting June 5. STEM camps and Balloon Camp will be held in July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There is nothing new on Strategic Planning. Planning is continuing on the Fiesta 50th anniversary exhibit. There is a proposal to City Council to match the \$90,000 from the legislature. Paul Smith has talked to the city about a joint ticket with Fiesta and the museum with a dollar from each ticket going to the Foundation for the exhibit. The Foundation is working on their portion of the strategic plan right now.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Laurie reported on the upcoming 4th of July event and Chic-I-Boom Ball. The Foundation is holding a drawing for a cruise with tickets at \$25 or five for \$100. There are tickets available if anyone would like to buy or sell them.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm

The next meeting will be July 10, 4:00 pm at the museum.