



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 9th, 2022

3:00 - 4:30 pm, in person & via ZOOM web hosting

Members in Attendance: Chair Nancy Abruzzo, Vice Chair Josh Bacon, Ron Behrman, J. D. Huss, Troy Bradley, Gina Montoya, Jonathan Wolfe, Cindy Hernandez-Wall,

Museum Stakeholders in Attendance: Nan Masland, Lynn Newton, Laurie Magovern, Eric Wimmer, John Fitzpatrick

1. Meeting called to order 3:10pm by Chair Nancy Abruzzo
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Review of Minutes from January meeting. Motion to accept by JD Huss 1st Ron Behrman 2nd
Approval of Agenda: Accepted
3. **Collections Update:** Eric Wimmer, last collections committee meeting on February 23rd. Ron and Troy were in attendance. One new item put forward by the committee after several items reviewed. Lewis Suber donated his collection from 1978-1989. Chase banners, bumper stickers, patches dating back to early days of Fiesta. Some items are duplicated and would be able to be use as auction items for foundation purposes. Motion to accept Ron Behrman, 2nd Cindy Hernandez-Wall. Minor update from last collections round was the David Shaffer shipped the gondola with a partnership from the foundation to cover the costs. It is here at the Museum for viewing. Loans update the Abruzzo gondola for exhibit. The O2 tank needs to be purged to place it on display. Troy will help to get item ready for display. Collections monitoring Wi-Fi humidity and temperature devices as well as a UV reader to insure the collections stability. Note that items on loan to the BM it is covered by the insurance policy. All items currently on display are being catalogued. This will help with future accreditation. The annex is also in a sweet spot for humidity and temperature. Items to be donated for this year's gala will be assembled shortly.
4. **Exhibitions Update:** Lynn Newton discussed the *Canopy of Color Celebrating 50 years of Balloon Fiesta* exhibit. A play on the museum branding looking upward at the balloons. The 50th logo will be present this year. Sponsorship levels will be represented on the curved wall. Working with designer Thomas Tomlinson to design the space with back printed acrylic as an extension of the airport exhibit. Last time the board met some discussion was had to provide programming at the Sunport. Some discussions with the NM Philharmonic to provide music from the "Great Race" film at various times in the future. The unofficial 50th is April 8th 2022. Working with Jewell Cutter on an exhibit about Sid Cutter. Some possible scheduling conflicts with Fiesta. Possible Friday April 8th

Sid Cutter exhibit opening at 4:30 5pm. Video, torch, collections display and a model airplane highlighting Sid as an aviator.

5. **Legislative Update and Foundation Update:** Laurie Magovern - we now have the trustee name badges. The legislative update email from 10 days ago, we were successful in securing \$230,000 from the 2022 state budget signed today by the Governor. Our Valentines event was canceled due to Covid. Hopefully try again in 23'. Our Gala is in full force for April 30th. With tickets available online now at balloonmuseum.com. you can also upload silent auction as well as an area for sponsorship opportunities. It will be a 70's them. Dress to the ere with music and a professional auctioneer. Karen Brown is our first sponsor. Mark your calendars for April 30th 2022 Balloon Museum Gala. The Foundation Board has a specific ask of 3 bottles of wine and 3 auction items. Nancy challenged our Trustees to assist the Foundation with attendance and items. Items due April 1st and wine due April 10th. Several items were recommended to donate. Please follow up with Laurie for more details. Assistance with setup and cleanup are appreciated. A challenge to also two tickets as well.
6. **Personnel/Facility:** Nan Masland sent an email update - hopeful to fill the Operations position shortly as well as the creation of the Volunteer and Outreach coordinator as a permanent position rather than filling from a temp agency to keep continuity. STEAM nights are going well with over 400 people in attendance at the last event. The next event is next Saturday with a theme of Women in Ballooning. A glow, aerial performance, live music, food trucks with special guests Savannah and Tammy Bradley. Figuring out future STEAM nights fractal, special shapes collaboration with the Bio-Park, zebra launch directors. Happy to further the mission aligned events focused on the goals of the museum. Still working on the roof replacement, done in two phases. With the top priority of replacing the panels that blew off in a two-phase replacement. Moving forward with contracts. Nancy suggested having a booth at the next STEAM nights to sell tickets for the 70's Gala as well as having the Shoppe open as in the past. Also, to parlay these special events to invite legislators as a cultivation to work on future legislative asks.
7. **Announcement of next meeting** – May 11, 2022 at 3 pm in person

Meeting Adjourned 4pm