

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM
August 8, 2017

Present:	Harold "Hal" Behl, Chair Jerry Goss, Vice Chair Pamela Chavez, Secretary Wayne Chew Joni Palmer Judy Suiter	Cathy Wright, Museum Director Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education Deborah Slaney, Curator of History Emily Fox, ABQM Foundation Executive Director Deborah Good, ABQ Museum Foundation Brd Chr
Absent:	Louise Campbell-Tolber Pamela Weese	Andrew Connors, Curator of Art

Action items in red.

Chairman Behl called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 13, 2017, Board of Trustees meeting were reviewed. Jerry Goss moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Judy Suiter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson's Report - Hal Behl

- New officers will be elected at the October Trustee meeting
 - Trustees will vote on officers progressing to the next position:
 - Hal will become Past Chair on the Board of Trustees, and will serve on the Executive Committee
 - Jerry Goss will move to the Chairman position
 - Pamela Chavez will move to the Vice Chair position
 - There was discussion about changing this position to the "Chair-Elect"
 - **Cathy will see if this requires a bylaws change or approval from the City**
 - A new Secretary/Treasurer needs to be elected (No money handling involved)
 - Judy Suiter volunteer to be considered
- Hal discussed a Memorandum from the AMF for a Traveling Exhibit Support Fund
 - According to City Statutes, we have to approve agreements or MOU's to go to the City
 - The agreement would be presented to City of Albuquerque Cultural Services
 - City Attorney will review the Memorandum
 - The Foundation and Museum would like to get the Memorandum approved during the current Administration
 - The Trustees reviewed the Memorandum
 - Wayne Chew moved to approve the principle of the Memorandum but not be bound to the decision until the Trustees receive the final version.
 - Jerry Goss seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

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Museum Director's Report – Cathy Wright

- The Bond Election is this fall: Please vote!!!
 - The Museum is slated to receive
 - \$100,000 for collection development, care and acquisition
 - \$175,000 for repairs and renovation
 - The funds could be available in early spring
- June 30th was the end of the Fiscal Year
 - Attendance was 173 people over the previous FY attendance
 - 127,000+ visited the Museum
 - Casa San Ysidro had a 13% increase in attendance of 1,000 more people for 9,284 attendance
- The Art in the Afternoon program on Saturdays will be discontinued
 - The program costs \$13,000 a year and special funding is no longer available
 - Attendance numbers are not known
 - There is no connection of the program to exhibits
- First Wednesday admission is free and the museum gets many groups with special needs attending
- Casa San Ysidro
 - The Tour Coordinator position is open
 - Jerry asked if Emily Stovel isn't full time if her position could be combined with the Tour Coordinator position
 - Cathy explained that Emily is the back up if docents can't show up and she needs to focus all her time on the big picture of Casa
 - There was an article in the paper today on Casa's 2nd Saturday program
- The employee handbook is finished and includes details about AM duties
- The American Tribal Art Dealer's Association newsletter had an article about the Leekya exhibit – Cathy passed the article around
- Trustees commented on the great job Denise is doing with marketing the Museum
 - **Cathy will ask Denise to come to the next Trustee meeting for appreciation**

Foundation Report – Dr. Deborah Good

- The Trustees welcomed Deborah to the Board
- The Foundation just finished their Strategic Plan – it will go to the Board next week
- The Magic Bus solicitations are out. Discussion about the program included:
 - The Magic Bus sponsorship is \$150
 - The cost to rent a bus is \$145 so the sponsorship barely pays for the overhead
 - The teachers only pay \$10 admission for a busload of children
 - There are about 128-130 buses in the program
- The Foundation has a new investment manager, Chris Cates with The Cates Team at RBC Wealth Management, and is involved with the Museum
- “Arts Thrive” is moving along
 - Studios have been visited to pick out art work
 - Trustees are encouraged to buy their tickets now!
 - The Gala is \$300 for both nights, including the Collectors' Dinner
- The Foundation Board meeting is next week

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Curator Reports

Andrew is absent but provided the minutes from the Art Advisory Committee August 1st Meeting to distribute

Deb

- 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

Elizabeth

- There were 80 requests for the Magic Bus and Tour with AM and CSY - early bookings are good
 - Teachers' guides are provided
- Elizabeth reviewed the Calendar at the bottom of the agenda
 - The Chatter Concert on August 3rd drew 175 people – an all time high!
 - The 3rd Thursday (Aug. 17) concert took place in different galleries with Chatter playing music while films were shown
 - The 50th Anniversary will include lots of events
 - On September 7th, the official 50th Anniversary date, the Mayor will provide a proclamation and a press conference will be held
 - There will be tours of the storage area, sculpture tours and former Poet Laureate Jessica Helen Lopez will create and present a special anniversary original poem
 - Deb and Andrew will deliver a “50 objects in 50 minutes” talk of 25 each
 - There are 50 Historical Bits on Facebook
 - Trustees are encouraged to attend 50th Anniversary events
 - Casa San Ysidro will not have a 2nd Saturday program in September as they will participate in the Corrales Harvest Festival instead on 9/30 and 10/1 – it's the biggest event Casa has
 - Smithsonian Museum Live Day is an agreement with the Smithsonian where we provide a day of focus on the Smithsonian, they promote the Museum to all Smithsonian members in New Mexico and send the Foundation the mailing labels for those members

New Business

Jerry asked why we are pursuing new funds to build an Education Center when there are unfinished and unfunded Casa San Ysidro projects

- Cathy explained that costs for those CSY projects have grown
- The State pulled the funding for the Visitors Center
- CSY is working with the Village of Corrales to put a parking lot in the back of the property

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Adjourn

Judy Suiter moved that the meeting be adjourned and Wayne Chew seconded. Unanimous approval
The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING October 10, 2017, 11:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

2017 Board of Trustees Meetings

December 12

2018 Board of Trustees Meetings

February 13

April 10

June 12