

Meeting Minutes

Historical Guide Association Board Meeting
December 2009: Monthly Meeting

Michelle Smith's home – December 1, 2009

Members Present:

Kathleen de Vos, President
Debbie George, Co-Vice President
Bohdi Hodges, Secretary
Debra Rawlings, Treasurer
Larry Crawford, Member at Large
Brian Griffin, Member at Large

Michelle Hachigian, Member at Large
Iain Hamilton, Member at Large
Gordon Heinrichs, Member at Large
Jeff Miller, Member at Large
Michele Smith, Member at Large

Members Absent:

Lisa Winn, Co-Vice President

11 Members in Attendance

President K. de Vos called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

J. Miller made a motion to adopt the minutes from the 11/09/09 Board meeting. Motion seconded by L. Crawford. Minutes were approved by all present.

Adoption of Agenda

President K. de Vos presented the meeting agenda. Agenda was approved by all present.

Officers Reports

Debra Rawlings, Treasurer

- Account Balance as of Monday, November 30, 2009: \$4671.05.
- As of today, 72 of our 143 Historical Guide Association members have renewed.
- B. Hodges will send out an e-mail reminding previous members that now is the time for 2009-2010 enrollments. Bohdi will also pursue free press release opportunities in the local newspaper to promote HGA enrollment. J. Miller agreed to post a reminder on Facebook.
- D. George will create a poster for the guide trailer that contains the new contact information for those that need to purchase patches and pins.

Larry Crawford, Webmaster

- Fee of \$188.45 was paid by previous board for website. M. Hachigian proposed that the board seek out a sponsor for website.
- Recent additions to the website include health info. pertaining to the flu/H1N1 and an announcements and information page. Larry will be working on adding photos and a video library in the months to come.

- The site has received approximately 500 hits as of Dec. 2009.

Old Business

- Budget Amendment - The finance committee will need to develop a 2009-2010 budget that will correspond with the dues collected from confirmed members. This number is likely to increase at our first and upcoming event on Dec. 9. Therefore, our finance committee will meet after that first event to finalize our 2009-2010 budget. Future honorariums for guest speakers will be a topic of discussion for the board once a new budget has been approved.
- Dec. 9th Program – M. Hachigian reported that she and Rouvaishyana at the Morro Bay Natural History Museum reached an agreement on the fee and use of the auditorium. The suggested donations received on the night of the event are to be split by the HGA and the Central Coast Natural History Association. Set up is to begin at 5:30 p.m. D. George will prepare and be there to set up light refreshments with K. de Vos. Debbie will also purchase a copy of *Hearst's San Simeon: The Garden and the Land* for the raffle. J. Miller volunteered to handle the purchase and distribution of raffle tickets. M. Hachigian will provide the introduction of our guest speakers and B. Hodges will provide them with thank you notes after the event. L. Crawford volunteered to video tape the lecture while D. Rawlings will be greeting and accepting fees and donations from our guests as they arrive.
- In regard to a discussion about charter bus trips, M. Smith made a motion that we have at least 35 attendees or abandon the idea of using a bus. It was seconded by D. George. M. Smith then promptly made a motion to withdraw her previous motion. Gordon Hienrichs volunteered to research bus cost options available to us. This topic will be revisited by the board once a budget amendment has been made.

New Business

Possible Future Programs:

- Victoria Kastner and Vickie Garagliano will be presenting at Morro Bay's Natural History Museum Auditorium on Wed., December 9th at 6:30 p.m.
- We are investigating the possibility of a trip to the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse in January.
- We will feature Mr. Jeff Schultz as George Hearst in his one man show this winter.
- March may feature Jill Urquhart, her interview with Carlotta Munroe, daughter of Princess Pignatelli and the chance to see some of the photos she obtained.
- We are hoping to make April the month for a trip to Casa del Herrero (www.casadelherrero.com) in Santa Barbara.
- June may bring an opportunity to tour the Cayucos Abalone farm. It will be a 1.5 hr tour of the facility. At the conclusion of the tour, guests will be allowed to select an abalone shell as a souvenir of their visit.
- Other special programs that we are investigating include the following: a presentation from our Curatorial staff on textiles, another trip to the Hearst Ranch, an update on the Billiard Room ceiling restoration, and a trip to Filoli (www.filoli.org) in October.

M. Hachigian volunteered to communicate district wide updates when confirmed information for upcoming events becomes available. B. Griffin proposed and will investigate the use of the old Cambria Grammar School theater as a venue for future events.

Unfinished Business

- The finance committee (President, Vice President, and Treasurer) will schedule a meeting to discuss and study last year's budget. They will present their recommendations for change to the board at a future meeting.
- Establish min. # attendees for HGA field trips requiring charter bus transportation.
- Determine appropriate honorariums for guest speakers once a budget has been approved for the 2009-2010 year.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Next board meeting scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2010.

Recording officer: Bohdi Hodges, HGA Secretary

Date Approved:

Signature: