

Grand Canyon Historical Society
Board Meeting
Jan 26, 2019
Flagstaff Public Library, Flagstaff, AZ

Call to Order – 1 pm

Minutes from September 2018 Meeting.

Brian Blue - Motion to accept the minutes as written and found on the Google Drive.
Haley Johnson – Second.
Vote – all in favor.

Jack – mentioned the Google Drive and GCHS Google Group to the board. The new Board Members will be invited to the GCHS group and will receive Drive access instructions.

Treasurer Report

Report is on the Google Drive.

Brian – completed all the groundwork for GCHS to apply for Fed Govt grants should we wish. We now have a DUNS#. Audit – Doug gave a verbal report of how he ran the numbers for August 2018 and found zero issues. One item for GCHS to consider is cash control and our appetite for risk with cheques being misappropriated. Doug agreed to send a short written report.
Dick – Motion to accept the Treasurer Report.
Doug – Second.
Vote – all in favor.

Collection/Digitization

Brian - gave some further background and asked for a decision for the plan to digitize the GCHS collection with Cline Library.
Brian – Motion to accept the Digitization Plan as devised by Kristen L.
Nikki - Second.
Discussion – Dave S asked about ongoing costs. Brian informed the board that GCHS has no further plans to acquire additional items for the collections at Cline therefore there will be no ongoing costs. Jill H asked about how the selection of the order of the digitization is prioritized. Brian answered that NAU's Peter Runge led the effort to help identify the most important list/priority.
Vote – all in favor.

Board Election Results

Jack mentioned Board Seat Assignments and the 2018 election results are on the Google Drive.

Election of Officers

Dave M explained the role of the officers and their participation in the Exec Committee. Asked Jill H to join the Exec Committee as the 5th person.
Brian – Motion to renew all the existing officers in their positions (Dave M, President; Haley, Vice-President; Brian, Treasurer; and Jack, Secretary)
Dick – Second.
Vote – all in favor.

Membership

Dave M (for Karen G) - Approx 300 members. Saw a bump associated with the Symposium registration. Brian wondered how we might grow membership. Jack mentioned we should consider developing a Marketing Plan, once the Symposium is over, to look into spreading the reach of GCHS. Jack asked the Board to send marketing ideas to him.

Symposium

Dave M led the discussion that we have the go-ahead from NPS, shutdown or not, to use The Shrine. All the meeting attendees agreed that we run the Symposium as scheduled. Dave M agreed to share the message immediately with those signed up.

Grant/Scholarships

Application is opening soon. \$6000 is ear-marked. Margaret Hangan leads the effort.

Special Grant Request from Tom Myers

Dave M mentioned a special grant request fund the collection of GC Experiences of Ron Mitchell.

Haley – Motion to release \$750 for the project provided it follows the guidelines outlined by the Collections Committee.

Nikki – second

Vote – all in favor.

Pioneer Award

Haley asked that the board send name suggestions.

Outings

Haley mentioned she has a few planned. The board agreed that the Outings Committee can schedule the outings without needing to consult the board. Board agreed attendees need not be GCHS members; it might be a good recruiting opportunity. Dave M asked whether we might consider planning a weekend filled with nothing but outings – based on how quickly the tours sold out at the Symposium. Jack suggested Haley and Slim recruit Jill S for the committee.

Picnic

Scheduled for July 13 at Shoshone Point. Jack would like a helper.

Powell Symposium

Dave M had no updates.

Committee Assignments

After the Symposium, Dave M will lead a round-up of the board committees to ensure they are outlined, tasks known, and members appointed and engaged.

Other Business

Jill H – May 25 at the Pioneer Museum. Special JW Powell event.

Jill H – looking to see if GCHS might become a member of AZ Historical Society.

Jack – Asked if the Board might consider creating a standing grant/scholarship for Grand Canyon School’s graduating class. Students heading to college to study history, archaeology, anthropology, historical architecture etc might apply. GCUSD has existing grants and the students are used to applying via an interview process. GCHS could support future generations of historians. Tom suggested it be aimed at tribal students. Dave M wondered if we can recruit interns from GCUSD to help with GCHS activities.

Doug – asked if we should create a Publications Committee charged with leading the cross-platform of pubs work.

Adjourned

4 pm