

**Minutes**  
**San Anselmo Historical Commission Meeting**  
**December 17, 2014**

Judy Coy, convened the meeting of the members of the San Anselmo Historical Commission at 7:30 pm on December 17, 2014 in the Museum.

Members present: Liz Anderson, Carol Acquaviva, Alan Cascio, Judy Coy, Tom Hendricks, John Maher, Dick Miner, Rick Storms, Antone Sousa, Joan Vermond.

The minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2014 were approved. (Hendricks/Vermond)

Treasurer's Report: Joan reported there was no activity leaving a balance of \$1,583.52 in the Wells account.

Discussion Items/Unfinished Business:

- 1) Oral History Project: No update.
- 2) Collections Database/ Acquisitions/Research: Judy reported the following:
  - a. The circa 1890's Smith & Wesson revolver was returned to Warren Perry.
- 3) Library Centennial Planning: Judy reported the planning is coming along. Brian Crawford wrote a script for the reenactment and council members will likely play the parts with Mayor John Wright playing the Mayor. Judy is ready to meet with Alan and Antone to get the hallway cases set up for the Centennial display. As part of the preparation, books from each decade to represent "100 Years of Stories" were purchased.
- 4) Museum space redesign: Penelope Starr and Judy are cleaning and organizing the office. More shelf space is needed. In terms of the overall design, Judy has asked Sue Neal, who designed the Friends of the Library's new store, to advise on placement and layout of the museum furniture and other design issues.
- 5) Museum docent schedule: All switches are covered for the month.

New Business:

- 1) Newspaper Digitization Project: Several years ago the Historical Society funded the acquisition of the master negatives for the San Anselmo Herald. The years covered were 1912-1946. The pre-1923 issues are in the public domain and Judy will review the 1923 to 1946 issues to see if they are free of copyright notice and might also be in the public domain. The next step would be have them digitized which is very expensive. Judy recently heard about a project with Ancestry.com through the California Digital Newspaper Collection in which the digitization might be accomplished for free. This will be pursued if the newspapers are determined to be in the public domain. More on this in the next meeting.
- 2) Possible purchase of negative collection: Judy shared an interesting opportunity. Graham Law of Seawood Photo has offered to sell a collection of glass plate negatives to the commission. The plates appear to have belonged to the Thomas Day family. Day was a Seminary professor. Many of the plates are in poor condition and only a select amount relate to San Anselmo so it was agreed Judy would go back and negotiate a reasonable price.

Adjournment to January 21, 2015  
Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm  
Liz Anderson – Secretary