

Minutes
San Anselmo Historical Commission Meeting
January 20, 2016

Judy Coy convened the meeting of the members of the San Anselmo Historical Commission at 7:30 pm on January 20, 2016 in the Museum.

Members present: Liz Anderson, Alan Cascio, Judy Coy, Andrea Pearce, Antone Sousa, Rick Storms

The minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2015 were approved (Storms/Sousa). The Notes from November 18, 2015 meeting were approved (Pearce/Coy)

Open Time for Public Expression:

Treasurer's Report: Joan emailed a report indicating that there was no new activity. The ending balance as of 12/31/15 was \$1492.64.

Discussion Items/Unfinished Business:

1. Oral History Project: No report
2. Collections Database/ Acquisitions/Research: Judy reported the following.
 - a. The picture of the San Anselmo football team that was purchased online was never received and the seller issued a refund.
 - b. We were contacted regarding a possible donation of scrapbooks with articles, playbills on the Straw Hat Theatre. Judy recommended that the donor contact the Bancroft Library first as that is where the rest of the materials associated with Straw Hat Theatre are located.
 - c. A major portion of the items catalogued by Rick were uploaded into the museum database.
 - d. Courtney Anderson, a historic ship rigger at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, brought in a newsletter with an interesting article on his research on the schooner C.A. Thayer. The ship, which is being restored, was built for the E.K. Wood Lumber Co. Wood was the original owner of the Robson Harrington House.
 - e. Judy has added additional image galleries, seminary postcards and panoramic views, to the website.
 - f. Philanthropist Jeff Craemer has purchased Jim Staley's Marin County postcard collection and has donated it to the California Room. Judy has identified a few postcards among those that Jim donated to the museum that are duplicates and can be returned or sold to Jim.
3. Projects for 2016: Judy shared a list that we can cover at every meeting.
 - a. Records need to be cataloged, including the flood images that Alan scanned.
 - b. Oral history transcriptions
 - c. Cases for DVD versions of oral histories need labels
 - d. Refresh of civic panel by changing display fabric and updating content
 - e. Timeline display needs a refresh(3 person job)
 - f. Downtown photoshoot
 - g. Country Fair Day research
4. Displays: Valentine's Display is currently up. Next display will be "Vintage Garden" which will feature images of San Anselmo gardens as well as vintage gardening equipment vintage seed packets, old posters, and magazines.
5. Museum docent schedule: All shifts were covered.
6. Miscellaneous: Andrea, Judy, and Antone were interviewed by Town Council. Several tours will be arranged for four classes of Wade Thomas second graders. The Library will include a local history program in the Tunstead Live series this year.

New Business:

- 1) Historical Society Activity: The Historical Society received a check for \$1000 from Bank of America Charitable Foundation. The gift was directed to the Society by Joan Radieve. Commissioners need to start thinking about Historical Society program for 2016.
- 2) Commission officers for 2016: The current officers agreed to continue for another year. Judy as chairperson, Dick as vice chair, Joan as treasurer, Liz as secretary.

Adjournment to February 17, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Liz Anderson - Secretary