

ANACORTES MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD & COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2019

The meeting was convened at 9 a.m. Board members attending were: Dean Brazas, Lewis Jones, Libby Walgamott, Gib Moore (arrived late). A voting quorum was met. Joining the meeting were Bret Lunsford, Elaine Walker and Linda Yerby from the museum.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Please refer to Bret Lunsford's comprehensive Director's Report attached to these minutes.

Highlights from the report are as follows:

- Corin Noronha has been hired as a Docent and will be splitting his time between the Carnegie Building and the Maritime Heritage Center, working weekends to keep the facility open to the public during the off season. This will be a good pilot project to determine if there is interest by the public for weekend visitation during the winter. Libby said having someone there on Sunday will be helpful for cruise ship visitors as the stores on Commercial are closed on Sunday. Corin continues his work on the Bill Mitchell documentary.
- Anacortes American editions from 1890 to 1922 went live online on January 15. The system is very responsive. The museum will be doing a pop-up exhibit about newspaper history in Anacortes starting on March 13, 2019, the 140th anniversary of Anacortes receiving its name at the post office.
- Kate Clark will be implementing a History Club to promote the exhibit and encourage interested people to participate in processing oral histories and photos. There is also an opportunity for people to make corrections on the digitized Anacortes Americans where the OCR software incorrectly interpreted the text.

Libby Walgamott suggested the museum contact the service clubs and other organizations to tell them about the History Club event.

- Time Travel Sound Session events will begin on Saturday, January 19. Volunteer docent Al Bofenkamp will be hosting the event with DJ Dan Greenwald and Kate Clark and will present music and radio programming from the 30s, 40s and 50s.
- Charles Gilkey has loaned the museum photos of the tugboat industry for scanning. These photos will provide the groundwork for a Maritime Heritage Center exhibit on tugs.

- Dave Margeson and Bret Lunsford will be meeting with the Tom Deach of the Guemes Island Historical Society to discuss the logic of having ties with the museum. Deane Brazas expressed an interest in participating in this.

COLLECTIONS:

The collections recommended for acquisition by Curator Elaine Walker were approved by the Collections Committee. *M/S/P (Moved /Seconded/Passed)* Thanks to Elaine Walker for her research to assist us in understanding the relevance of donations to the museum.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business having been discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Yerby
Acting Secretary