

Grand Canyon Historical Society - Fall Board Meeting  
Virtual Meeting - Social Distancing on Zoom  
Wednesday, October 21, 2020 – For AZ 7:00 pm. For UT & NM 8:00 pm

***The Grand Canyon Historical Society celebrates and promotes the study and preservation of the Grand Canyon region's cultural and natural history for the education and enjoyment of its members and the public.***

Agenda Items for Discussion and/or Action

Attending:

Jack P, Dave M, Nikki C, Mari, Dick, Rich T, Jack R, David S, Jill H, Haley J, Brian B, Helen R, Slim, Margaret,

Guests: Tom M, J Upchurch, P Corbett, J Childs, Mark Braden

**1. Call to order and welcome.**

Dave Mortenson

Welcomes. Recognized we have some members on the call.

**2. Short discussion on Zoom procedures.**

Nikki Cooley

Mute is good. Use chat box for questions.

**3. Consent Agenda Items**

Dave Mortenson

- a. Board of Directors (BOD) virtual meeting minutes July 11, 2020.
- b. Treasurer's report.

Dave – any changes.

Board – none

Dave – approve

Brian B – remove Treasurer Report from Consent items to discuss.

Treasurer Report

Brian – financial concerns section. We are just about at reserve amount. We are at 30K. reserve is 27K. Unless we are in Symposium year, membership dues barely pay for 'operations'.

Dave asked Brian to explain the Reserve.

Brian – reserve is a benchmark to help an organization survive difficult financial times. Look at this in Jan 2021.

Dick – asked if reserve may be dipped into? Brian answered 'yes'.

Rich – asked when we last changed annual dues?

Board – no one knows.

Helen – phase-in the message about increasing the dues to get 'buy in'?

Brian to compose a white paper on possible dues increase for consideration at the next Board meeting

**4. E-votes taken prior to this meeting: None**

**5. Executive Committee report – Email discussion and vote to sign up for Zoom**

Dave Mortenson

**services.** Motion by Treasurer Brian Blue based on recommendation from the

Governance Committee to sign up for Zoom service. The cost for a year is \$150.

allowing up to 100 participants and unlimited time. Motion was approved by Exec Committee.

David S – suggested we watch other tools just in case better ones become available.

**6. Report on Oral History Committee quarterly report for the Fall Quarter, 2020.** David Schaller

Highlight again that OHs are available to researchers around the world. Cline was able to continue to spend our AZ Humanities even during NAU COVID shutdown because work continued in the background.

Lots of activity gaining new Interviews. Lots of volunteers for transcribing.

Tech support from web host lacking with their help with uploading OHs. Is it time to revisit provider for website?

Because OH is 'remote', largely unaffected by COVID.

Rich – who suggested current web host? Tom – mentioned it is old and it was Diane Cassidy. Jack p explained lengthy process for how one brings a new website online.

Inventory of Items – list is in the Meeting folder. It is a reminder that the Board needs to do better at how we track things.

**7. Update on 2019 GC History Symposium Proceedings.** Dave Mortenson

Color adds 'umpf'. GCC is helping tremendously. We need \$800 to invest in the process.

Dave – Motion to pay the \$800 to help GCC

Rich T – second

Discussion – Helen -- how is it sold? Who 'hold's the books? Jill – AZ Hist Soc has a consignment 'facility'. Tom – mentioned his company is willing to help sell. Brian – finances are OK.

Vote – all approved

**8. Review Board Election process and status.** Jack Pennington

- a. Seats 11-15 are all open seats
- b. Seven applicants have applied and are GCHS Members
- c. President has appointed Nominated Committee

**9. Governance Committee Report and discussion.** Dick Brown

Governance is one of our 4 standing committees.

Sept meeting by Zoom to discuss ByLaws, etc.

Looking at GCHS organizational structure (OHs, Pubs, Digitization, Outings, etc)

Addressed near-term objectives; long-term objectives have budgetary implications

Helen – govt comm should get together to synthesize/prioritize.

Brian – chief difficulty is what is the 'vision for the program'?

**10. Communication Committee Report and discussion** RichTurner

What, why, when, to whom, methods ..... of communication.

By Nov 1st – have entire Board look at and make comments/suggestions to the committee's findings.

Jill – AZ Hist Soc is constantly looking for digital content.

**11. Other items?**

Brian B - >\$6k in scholarships. Has to be spent on this. Can offer more grants or larger \$\$ amounts?

Dave – need to look at someone to replace Margaret.

Jack/Dick – make 'donations' into more general unrestricted funds?

David S – symposium proceedings ..... where does copy/files reside? Dave – GCC holds onto them to help with

future reprints.

Helen – reminded us to look at her digitization process report – it is on Google Drive.

Next Board meeting:

Annual Meeting Saturday, Jan 23, 2021 – Probably Zoom meeting and Time 10 am MST.

Adjourn