

PLACENTIA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – Minutes

January 23, 2017 Meeting

Attendees: Jan Henderson, Kathy Frazee, Johan Adger, Martin Chavez, Larry de Graaf, Janna Wade & John Walcek, Andrew Gonzales, City rep & Michelle Meades Library rep.

Guest: Clay Ricker member of the Orange County Historical Commission.

Absent: 3 – Wendy Elliott-Scheinberg John Bushman, & Charlene Riggins

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| Minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved minutes for the November 2017 meeting. | |
| Correspondence/ Announcements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 correspondence “The County Courier” received. Public comments: None Announcements: Jan Henderson acknowledge that Larry de Graaf paid for Valencia High School Theater’s Tuxedos the last time the play “Cordially Invited” was performed. Larry said he would also pay for the tuxedos once again. Janna Wade & John Adger announced that it was their 2nd year on the Committee. John Walcek shared information regarding the building that currently houses the restaurant El Taco Sabroso & the Old Placentia Courier building. The owner of the building would like info. on getting a historical plaque designation. Kathy Frazee shared a photograph on Eddie Castro. In it the photo contains students from all 3 Mexican Colonias schools in Placentia [Placentia Colonia, L Jolla & Atwood.] | <p>Sub ad hoc Committee formed to investigate the process needed to recognize the 2 properties and discover if they can receive a historical plaque. Members to include: Larry, John W. & John A.</p> <p>Photo will be taken in by Michelle Meads, scanned and added to the library collection.</p> |
| Accounts report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating funds: \$1,223.00 Program fund up: \$1,540.58 A deposit of \$122.00 was made on Tamale Festival | <p>Still need to pay John Bushman \$13.00 for change used at Heritage Day Parade.</p> <p>John W. will return the cash box from Tamale Festival to City Hall.</p> |
| New business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civic Center & Library Tours – 6 Placentia Yorba elementary schools signed up to visit the Civic Center. This year all 6 school will be allowed to attend. The Library and City Hall will find the money to pay for the buses. The city will pay for them. All the details will need to be worked out over the next months. Heritage Day float Ideas – members are to research ideas for possible float design, a truck and driver to haul it, who will build it, and who will ride on it. Orange County Historical Society Membership – discussion held regarding whether or not Placentia Historical Committee should join OC Historical Society. Vote held to approve seeking membership to join OCHS up to to \$100.00. Old Town Façade Improvements Program – Discussion regarding the City of Placentia’s new plan to give grant money to Old Town business owners to help restore the frontage of the buildings. Historical Committee Members Remembrance of Pat Irot & Vick Knight – discussion held on how best to commemorate these ladies. Get a book/oral history printed & bound of each of their lives. | <p>Michelle will have a schedule and rotation of schools ready for next meeting. School visitation dates will range from April to June. City Hall, PD., Library, History Room, mini Placentia history talk and lunch. The assistance of Committeemembers is needed once the details are worked out.</p> <p>Bring ideas/theme for next month regarding parade floats. John W. will bring dimensions of trailer he owns.</p> <p>Kathy Frazee will have books printed and bound for the Library History Room</p> |

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| <p>Ongoing project/Old Business</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placentia Water Tower -- Andrew looking for help from the Committee to help do the needed research in order to have the old Placentia Water Tower officially recognized as a State Historic Landmark. This is being done just incase the current owners Golden State Water Co. decide to decommission the tower and get rid of the structure. The City wants to work with Golden State Water to help preserve the Tower. • Historical Event at the Bradford House – Martin shared an update on the play & discussion held regarding • 1. Character Bios. – Still done have any of the original character bios. Members will look for information on characters. • 2. Play programs – Janna will create or update from the old play brochures. • 3. Advertising/Janna – will create the advertising/flyer for circulation. • 4. Ticket Sales – Andrew will look into selling play tickets at the Community Services Counter & create a guest list for those who have paid. \$5.00 pre-sale & 7.00 at the door. The room limit is approximately ??? 40 people. • 5. Call VHS Theater check dates and progress – Martin will confirm info and report back with dates & times. • 6. Use a 'fake-cake' -- help close the play with a fake cake or if one can be donated we can use it. • 7. Costumes – Martin will find out how many students need • • Review Content for Lecture Series – Michelle Meads shared an update on the next 2 lecture topics. Things are on schedule. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carbon Canyon Chronicles ○ Southern Cal Water • Did You Know. – Martin shared a video series called “Hidden Gems” it is created by Whittier Daily News. They are short video histories of Whittier. Maybe the Committee can use them as a sample for our Did You Know. A sample video was sent to members. • History Matters Foundation – Steve Berry Michelle Meads shared that 5 tickets have been sold. Still looking for help underwriting the costs of the presentation \$2,000.00 still needed. Things are coming together. • City of Placentia General Plan – Historical Element: Andrew shared a kickoff meeting was held regarding the plan & when is draft of the document is complete it will be shared with the Committee. Conservation Element will be created & the Historical component will be in it. The goal is by September to have materials ready for review. • Golden Ave. Bridge – Andrew is reviewing the draft mitigated negative declaration, once a draft of the document is ready, it will be sent to Committee for review as a hyperlink and with a hardcopy. Forward comments to Andrew. • Historical Committee Name Badges – project on hold until a sample name tag can be created | <p>Members will research the importance of the Water Tower and what the history of it is. Need to write a draft paragraph or multiple pages that support and outlines its significance. Kathy will contact Wendy Elliott-Scheinberg and gather some of her info. regarding her talk on the Tower, Larry will looking into the State Office & Historic Resources guide, John W. will share photographs.</p> <p>Members have many tasks to care for the play by next meeting. See list in left column.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citywide Tree list – No update given | |
| City updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Updates: Andrew had one update Train Station construction to begin 2018 and be completed in 2019. Also shared that Steve Pischel has retired. | |
| Adjourn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM to the next meeting on February 27, 2018. | Meeting to be held at in the Library |