

**PLACENTIA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

February 26, 2019

**Attendees:** Jan Henderson, Larry de Graaf, Kathy Frazee, John Walcek, Martin Chavez, Wendy Elliott, John Adger; Joseph Lambert, city rep; Michelle Meades, library. **Public:** Mayor Rhonda Schader, Councilman Ward Smith, Al Jabar, Joe Parra, Xochitl and Humberto Zuniga, Raymond Morales, Josh Correa, Veronica Ortiz; Steve Adamson from the OC Historical Commission

**Absent:** John Bushman

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Minutes</b>	Minutes of November 2018 and January 2019 approved as corrected/submitted	
<b>Correspondence/announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor Shader announced the County Board of Supervisors is making appointments to various commissions and anyone interested could contact Doug Chaffee's office.</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> grade tours are scheduled for 5 schools this spring; no field trips due to library remodel but pictures and artifacts will go to the schools</li> <li>• Love Placentia still needs project leaders and Jan suggested we help out there or be on the crew she will direct at El Dorado</li> <li>• Earl Nickles contributed several more images of the Tuffree ranch and his family living there to the History Room</li> <li>• A visitor at Bradford House said her 94-year-old aunt has a photo of her brother and one of the Wagner twins; she was encouraged to contact Michelle at the History Room</li> </ul>	
<b>Accounts report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes in the account totals are due to product sales and publishing costs of the Nickles interview:  Operating funds: \$1705.37 Program funds: \$1408.91</li> </ul>	
<b>New business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atwood mural restoration assistance was sought by members of the public and city council. Xochitl Zuniga, daughter of artist Manuel Hernandez Trujillo who painted the mural in 1976-77, has secured a paint donation from Behr paints and wants to work through obstacles that plagued this project in 2014 when Joe Parra first brought it to the committee's attention. Parra sees it as an important symbol of the Mexican American/Chicano culture of Atwood. Others hope it will encourage peace and equality in the local community. Restoration would be overseen by a master muralist and done by other artists who were acquainted with Trujillo or his body of work. Santa Ana College and Chapman University both have art classes where student volunteers could be recruited. Mayor said Placentia's Community Services department may take the lead in smoothing the path for this restoration and asked that a member of our committee be designated as a contact point. Zuniga also brought to our attention a book by Manuel Gomez, <i>Dancing with the Sun</i>, that describes her father's work.</li> <li>• The Key Ranch earthquake restoration and insurance issues have been settled according to Steve Adamson. Hopefully the home will reopen for tours by June 2019. OCParks historians are developing ways to present all of the collection. Our committee asked that items from the</li> </ul>	<p>Motion was made and carried that Martin Chavez be link person to wall project; he is our "Mural Man"</p>

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	<p>Bradford House that were placed in the Key collection when it wasn't clear that Placentia would preserve the Bradford home be turned over to the Placentia Founders Society.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placentia Founders Society is still looking for authentication of the top hat that went missing after our last play there.</li> </ul>	
<b>Ongoing project/Old business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play <i>Cordially Invited</i> to be presented April 7 and 28, 2019 at the Bradford House. Judy Dee provided the PFS's sample policy and rules to guide us during that event. City hall will sell tickets for \$5 each with no free admissions granted to parents. Flyers will advertise the event. All PHC members commend Martin for his steadfast commitment to this project and pledge to assist on those dates.</li> <li>Committee's prioritized list of activities compiled by Andrew Gonzales shows : 1) information packet for prospective buyers of old homes 2) ongoing oral histories of Placentia families and individuals 3) Placentia history mini-lectures for third graders on civic center tours 4) tie between Bradford House play and Tamale fest booth.</li> <li>Brief discussion followed on how to create the mini-local community celebrations: perhaps recognize and engage the residents of a selected historic area in the fall and then the following spring produce a festivity in that area</li> </ul>	
<b>City updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homeless issues are facing the city and community meetings offer information about proposed Homeless Navigation Center that would give beds for 30 to 100 homeless. Placentia and Buena Park are taking the lead in facing the homeless issue in North Orange County with task force and various agencies at work.</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	Meeting adjourned to the next regular meeting at 8:23 p.m.	