

Placentia Historical Committee

23 April 2019

Present: Jan Henderson, Wendy Elliott, John Bushman, John Adger, John Walcek, Martin Chavez, Larry deGraaf, Kathy Frazee, & Andrew Gonzales—Historical Committee Liaison

Absent: Michelle Meades—Library

The meeting was called to order by Jan Henderson at 6 p.m. She announced a quorum was present.

Minutes of the 26 March 2019 were distributed; John Walcek moved the minutes be approved as corrected; Larry seconded the motion, and it passed.

Andrew distributed the only correspondence: the current issue of the *Orange County Courier*.

There were no public comments or announcements by members.

Andrew reported the Operating Funds balance of \$1,705.37 (Account #0044-2065) remained the same as did that for Program Funds \$1,408.91 (Account #0044-2066). A line item breakdown was attached to the agenda.

Oral Histories were discussed under New Business. Kathy secured the Oral History interview of Rene Kamen from John Stahler. The pictures still need to be located and added. The committee discussed the various topics for narrators; these should include: long- time residents, business owners, local politicians, school administrators, & notable community members. A list is needed. The Placentia Buzz website might also provide suggestions. Change over time within the city is one of the topics that can be included in each interview. Kathy suggested that we try to get student interviewees and that committee members provide training for the students. Kathy volunteered to draw up a proposal with a plan of action and present it at the next meeting.

Under Old Business the committee discussed the information pamphlet and plaque program for buyers of old homes in Placentia. The previous list needs to be updated, and the pamphlet needs to be simple. Jan distributed copies of San Diego and Tustin historical planning samples as well as a colorful map of Placentia used by realtors. Jan, John Walcek, and Martin agreed to serve on the committee to prepare an information packet and plan of action for historical houses. An inventory needs to be created to identify the properties, process the plan of action keeping it to simple steps.

Andrew discussed city updates and reported the updated and improved city website. He stated that Michelle Meade would like an oral history conducted for Stephen Fernandez, who is a third generation Placentia resident. She also reported that the Library received a California Humanities Grant for work with the La Jolla and Atwood communities.

Andrew announced Friday, Apr 26, at the Gomez Community Center, at 6 p.m., a documentary on the Atwood artwork; he showed some of it in Manuel Hernandez Trujillo's *Dancing with the Sun*.

Heritage Festival is Saturday Oct 12th; see www.placentia.org/357/Heritage-Festival.

Love Placentia is set for May 4th. All projects are already decided and volunteers are needed. It will start at El Dorado High School but people can volunteer at loveplacentia.com. Girl Scouts may be assigned to Bradford House and should be given an outdoor project.

The Coastal Arts submissions can be called at 714-993-8232.

Free shredding will be done at city hall on May 18 from 8 to 11 a.m. Limit is 2 banker-size boxes. They will also take electronic devices.

Other comments included that the Buddhist church on Bradford just north of Madison Avenue has been demolished. The building for Starbucks at Yorba Linda and Kraemer is being put together as large puzzle pieces. The goal date for opening is July 1.

One additional committee member is needed and will be appointed by the City Council. Interested parties must fill out an application. It is available online.

Historical Committee badges are still not ready; the first batch had errors and were returned for corrections.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next meeting will be on May 28.