

PLACENTIA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

26 JUNE 2019

Attendees: Jan Henderson, Larry de Graaf, Wendy Elliott, Kathy Frazee, Martin Chavez, John Bushman, John Alger, John Walcek, Michelle Meades—Library Liaison, & Andrew Gonzalez—City Liaison.
Guest: Lisa Quental

Jan Henderson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

The minutes of the 23 April 2019 meeting were distributed and read. A spelling correction to Rene Kamen's name was noted. Larry motioned that the minutes be accepted as corrected; it was seconded and passed.

No correspondence was distributed as the Orange County Historical Society publication was mailed to all committee members.

Wendy shared the memorial card for Charles Frazee, recently deceased husband of Kathy. An article in the *LA Times* concerning former Placentia resident, Alfred Aguirre, was shared. It was noted that another Placentia WWII veteran, Phil Montano, received his Valencia High School diploma at this year's graduation about which an article and photos appeared in the *OC Register*.

Andrew reported a deduction in the Operating Funds of \$76 which paid for committee members' badges; account #0044-2065 now stands at \$1,704.00. No change in balance for Program Funds Account #0044-2066 which remains at \$1,408.91.

Under New Business the first item of discussion was the Heritage Days on 13 Oct 2019. John Walcek announced that he was gathering materials to construct a float for the parade. John Alger provided a round piece which can represent the top of the water tower. Kathy added that she has many poles that can also be used if needed. Jan reported that nothing new is needed for the booth.

Action: for the next meeting, John Walcek will provide a list of supplies needed to put together a float for the 2019 parade.

Michelle reported that the California Humanities Grant that she wrote and received is being applied to activities in the Whitten Center in Atwood (and La Jolla). She put on one event and gathered names of three individuals who want to be interviewed for the committee's Oral History (OH) project to capture memories of residents. The volunteers include: Robert Gamus whose father worked for the Yorbas, Phil Montano who served during WWII, and Delilah Detweiler. Michelle reported that a meeting for grant recipients will be held in August in Oakland which she will attend.

Kathy presented a two-page handout of topics and names for future interviewees for Oral Histories in response to the discussion at the April meeting. The goal of this project is to collect information from the immediate post WWII period to the present that can serve as the basis for a history that might be needed on the occasion of the city's 100th anniversary of incorporation in 2026.

Actions: 1) She asked committee members to explore other possibilities and add topics and names to the compilation. She explained that this project will need many hands to complete, and we hope to

include students. Committee members will be needed to train OH interviewers, transcribers, and audit checkers. **2)** We need to prepare a handout describing the process.

Discussion addressed the price of binding as a copy of each OH interview should be presented to the interviewee as well as one retained for the History Room. CSUF's prices for binding may be too high for the number of interviewees.

Action: John Walcek moved and Wendy seconded a motion to renew the Placentia Historical Committee's membership in the Orange County Historical Society (OCHS) which costs \$50; the motion passed. Prior to the motion, John reported that he had attended an OCHS event and discovered a historical photo of an A. S. Bradford orange display booth.

Andrew welcomed Lisa Quental to the meeting and reported the delay in her appointment to the committee as due to the City Council's intent to review all committees' activities, disband inactive ones, and appoint new members to active committees. He also distributed the new Historical Committee badges which are black with white writing. John Walcek moved and Wendy seconded the new badges as presented.

Under Old Business Jan reported that she, Martin, and John Walcek are the committee to update the historical homes brochure; they will schedule a meeting. Also, the committee can organize and schedule mini-local community celebrations following the completion of the brochure. One good idea is once the brochure is completed, it can be given to prospective home buyers by the city's Planning Department. This will assist home buyers to know up front any and all restrictions regarding expansion, etc. The historical properties list also needs updating to identify additional homes and buildings that meet the historical criteria.

City Updates: 1) Next CERT [Community Emergency Response Team] training offered by the city will be July 10 at 7 p.m. 2) Andrew reported that many people have reacted to the change in fire department coverage; these are both positive and negative. 3) State funds to Placentia for Redevelopment-like funding through an Infrastructure Financing District (IFD) will be used for public right of way. IFD is successful; the City Council approved the Master Plan two years ago; this includes monies for the general fund.

Dates for opening of new construction projects at Kraemer and Yorba Linda were given as July and August.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Elliott