

**MILLBRAE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MILLBRAE MUSEUM, January 26, 2011**

President John Muniz called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Millbrae Woman of the Year Faye Dawdy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Members Present:** Vern Bruce, Tom and Faye Dawdy, Alicia Espinoza, Ann and Jack Gardner, George Habeeb, Paul Larson, Alma Massolo, John Muniz, Madelyn Richardson, Dorothy Semke, Joe Teresi, Mary Vella Treseler, and Lois Way.

No guests were present.

The **Minutes of November 17, 2010**, of the Board of Directors, were approved upon motion/second by Larson/Treseler, and unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Vern Bruce reported a net operating loss of \$715.79 for the period November 24 through December 21, 2010; and a net operating loss of \$184.06 for the period December 22, 2010 through January 25, 2011. It was noted that income of \$500 was received through two new lifetime memberships.

The Basic Budget Progress template will be offered next meeting by the Treasurer.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Publicity:** Vice President/Publicity Director Paul Larson reported success with the new Business Lifetime Membership program. Signed up are: Mateo Avenue Mini Storage, George Corey's office; and Vern's Millbrae Lock Shop. Paul will send information out again with the next Chamber of Commerce newsletter. This new program will be reported as part of the March Installation.

Paul Larson donated a box of Edison cylindrical phonograph music stored in the attic at the Chapel that had belonged to his grandparents. Thank you, Paul.

Paul also reported the great success of the December 2010 Christmas Party that was well attended and enjoyed by all.

**Members Tours:** Ideas for the next Tour: The Jack London Park in Sonoma, and the Castle in Napa.

**Membership:** Chair Joe Teresi reported receiving \$1,925 which included two new Lifetime members. Also another \$250 received from Barry Boyet, a new lifetime member.

**Curator & Historian:** Alma Massolo told of a visitor from Guadalajara, whose husband was attending school locally, who stated her appreciation of Millbrae's museum and work to preserve our heritage. Another visitor spoke at length with Alma, and later

informed Alma he was himself an historian. Alma reported that Tom Wooley connected the telephone for us downstairs, connected cable for the television, and improved the lighting for the hat display, making it a very visible and attractive display. Tom was earlier made an honorary one-year member in appreciation of his volunteer services. Vern volunteered to install a lock on the display. More news: Alma's brother and wife were donating antique cabinets and a bookcase to the museum for its use, or for the museum to sell. Thanks go to the family.

Alma showed a binder with photographs of Lower Crystal Springs Dam from Brad Brewster, which will be kept in the museum for viewing. Smitty's wife had an album showing how the Hetch Hetchy Dam was built at Yosemite, and she believed it would be a great companion piece to the new binder.

Student docent Angela Zink is now in Italy studying. A new student is expected to interview for the position. Teresa Rolandelli, whose family lived at the historic 1 Lewis Avenue, died recently. Their family sent an acknowledgement of our condolences.

**Train Museum:** Vern Bruce reported there are now four windows installed. They are having a docent problem, due to health problems. The Christmas Lights are in.

The annual Silicon Valley Directory membership is once again offered: \$45 to sign up and \$145 a year dues. A motion/second by Muniz/Treseler to sign up was passed by unanimous vote.

**Sunshine Chair:** Madelyn Richardson sent cards to Marge Wilson, who fell, unfortunately broke a hip, and was in the hospital; to Corinne Preston on the passing of her husband; and to Margaret Ruggles who also suffered a fall and injury.

**Museum Facilitator:** Jack Gardner has made a temporary fix to the dry rot problem, and will address the entire removal in the spring.

**Other:**

The Museum Piano was tuned 11/29/10; the missing glass in the hanging display was replaced; and the graffiti would be painted over.

**Parliamentarian** Mary Vella Treseler reminded the Board to go through the Chair when wishing to speak to the group.

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

**Book Sales.** Alma reported no sales.

**“Old Glory”.** The present museum flag is in a sad, tattered condition. Mary Vella Treseler donated a flag to replace it, and presented it to Jack Gardner. Thank you, Mary.

**The Rotary Club's** Lunar New Year event was announced for February 26.

The **Growing Up in Millbrae** program with lunch and bingo at the Recreation Center is scheduled for February 9.

**Gee Anvil:** John suggests Alma call Ray Breitenstein to see if he's willing to have John pick up anvil and any other memorable pieces, then John will call him and arrange a trip there.

**Nomination Committee:** Paul Larson, Lois Way agreed to work with Chair Mary Vella Treseler.

**Installation Ceremony:** March 20<sup>th</sup> was selected. John will make calls about using the Recreation Center patio area, the Library again, or using the Gazebo. Speakers we're interested in are a Millbrae resident who can talk about the Lick Observatory on Mt. Hamilton, the Crystal Springs Reservoir and Dam, or Ron Wilson, former director of the San Francisco International Airport.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm in memory of Bill Urbanski who served the people of Millbrae as a police officer for over 30 years, and Nick Magallanes, former husband of Secretary Alicia Espinoza.

The next meeting will be held February 23, 2011.

Alicia Espinoza, Secretary