

**MILLBRAE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MILLBRAE MUSEUM, AUGUST 25, 2010  
MINUTES**

**President** John Muniz called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Alicia Espinoza led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

**Minutes** of July 28, 2010, were approved with minor corrections upon motion/second by Larson, Vella Treseler and unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Vern Bruce reported the refund check from Hartford Insurance for \$2494 had been received. The net income for the period July 28 through August 24, 2010, was \$967.11. The report was filed for audit. Mary Vella Treseler suggested the Board look at the matter of preparing a fiscal operating budget. Following discussion, it was agreed by consensus that Vern put together a "rudimentary" budget to bring back to the Board.

**Correspondence:** President John Muniz sent a letter of support to Skyline Stables, and received a thank you letter. The San Mateo County, Silicon Valley 2010-2011 Visitors Guid included the Historical Museum and the Train Station museum in their new publication.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Publicity:** In response to last month's suggestion about special business membership plaques, Chair Paul Larson prepared a flyer to place into the Chamber of Commerce newsletter. If any one is interested he will talk to them about the benefits of joining.

**Membership:** Chair Joe Teresi reported a new membership from Dan and Stephanie Capodanno.

**Curator Alma Massolo** is planning to cover the larger plaques with velvet in order to display the beautiful tattings, fabrics and lace in its own case. Alma reported that a group of ladies from the Mills Estates Villa on California Drive visited the museum. One lady was blind, asked to "feel" the displays, and she enjoyed them in that way.

**Train Museum** Director Vern Bruce said the windows didn't work out, and hopes the new ones will be installed within the next two weeks. His docent, Richard, completed his last duty and is leaving the area to attend school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He had been a docent since the age of 13.

**Sunshine** Chair Madelyn Richardson said everyone has been well, and no cards were sent.

**Museum Facilitator** Jack Gardner will paint and replace a missing shingle on the house exterior. His crew is still cleaning the basement and will move file cabinets. August 31<sup>st</sup> was set for a meet-and-clean project.

**Parliamentarian** Mary Vella Treseler reported a net profit of \$462.59 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic and expressed her disappointment with the low figure. There was discussion on where to cut costs which ended with a motion/second by Bruce/Larson to officially inform the City that we suffer the loss of \$300 due to rental of the Chetcuti room. The room rental is made necessary by the fact that the city expropriated our former land known as Constitution Park and turned it into a parking lot. The area formerly used for the Museum's outdoor events is lost to us, and we are now told to pay rental for indoor space. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Specifics on how best to get our message to the City will be explored.

#### **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

**Man/Woman of the Year:** Mary Vella Treseler announced this year's winners are Alan Kirth and our own Faye Dawdy. The Awards Dinner will take place October 8 at the Westin Hotel. Cost of a ticket is \$40. Senator Leland Yee is the keynote speaker. Mary added that tomorrow would be her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday! The Board happily sang their best wishes to her.

**Art and Wine Festival:** We'll be selling books, glasses and pictures.

**Historical Bronze Plaques:** Joe Teresi said we'd be getting new maps now on order.

**Museum Landscape Spruce up:** President John will take care of pruning the plants but will hold off on the roses for now.

**MHS Web Site Revamp:** President John suggested adding video to Face Book. Joe thinks this can be a MCTV project.

**Docent Schedule:** President John will be on vacation on his scheduled docent date and will need to trade dates with someone. He'll call John Bowers and check with him.

**Docent Lunch:** Place on next agenda.

**Rummage Sale:** Chair Dorothy Semke reported a very successful event. It helped to hold the sale the same day as the Friends of the Library Book Sale in the center plaza. Dorothy thanked everyone who worked that day.

**For the Good of the Order:** Paul Larson showed off the foot stools from 1986 that he donated to the Museum. They were his mother's but she never used them and they're in perfect condition.

Adjournment: 8:30 P.M.

Alicia Espinoza, Secretary