

Meeting Minutes

Chandler Museum Foundation

Regular Meeting

March 20, 2023, | 5:30 p.m.
Chandler Museum, Saguaro Room
300 S. Chandler Village Drive., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Meyerson at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Member Attendance

Barbara Meyerson, Chair
Joan Clark, Vice-Chair
Tom Escobedo, Treasurer
Brenda Abney
Calvenea Malloy
Jacki Ryan
Joshua Askey
Martin Sepulveda

Staff Attendance

Jody Crago, Museum Manager
Tiffani Egnor
Anna Camino

Absent

Scheduled and Unscheduled Public Appearances

Arthur H. Norby

Consent Agenda

1. February 2023 Museum Foundation Board Meeting Minutes
 - Joan Clark made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 21, 2023.
 - Calvenea Malloy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). The minutes were approved as written.

Action Agenda

2. Assign Board Member to Museum Store Workgroup

- Martin Sepulveda made a motion to assign Joan Clark to the Museum Store Workgroup.
- Jacki Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).
- Barbara Meyerson explained the position was mostly an advisory position as a representative of the Museum Foundation Board on this Museum Staff Workgroup.
- Tiffani Egnor explained the time commitment for the workgroup was approximately one meeting every-other-month. She also explained that there was some work between meetings reviewing potential products for the store and voting on those products 3-to-4 times a year. Other meetings discuss which items to place on clearance, as well as reporting and financial status. Elizabeth Olson is the Store Manager, and she does all the reporting and financial accounting.
- Tiffani Egnor explained the workgroup is made up of Jody Crago, Tiffani Egnor, Elizabeth Olson (Museum Store Manager), and Janet Castorena.
- There is a Museum Store Handbook that outlines each members roles.

Briefing

3. Board Retreat Briefing

- Barbara Meyerson commented that this was the first meeting since the Museum Foundation Board Retreat on March 6, 2023. She wanted to have a discussion and get the board members' impressions, views on next steps, and dialogue.
- Joan Clark asked when the board would get Maureen Robinson's (the facilitator of the retreat) notes on the retreat. Jody Crago stated that Maureen Robinson had not sent them yet, but he would follow up on the status of those notes.
- Anna Camino stated that she would send her notes on the retreat to the board.
- Tom Escobedo was curious why the retreat ended at 1:30 p.m. Joan Clark stated that during the planning meeting, Maureen Robinson had stated that she strongly felt that after lunch at a meeting, like a retreat, there was not much creative, productive thought and that ending time was planned.
- Barbara Meyerson stated that she took away that the Museum Foundation Board needed to expand with more members that bring new talents and other qualities to the board. She also felt that Maureen Robinson was pleased at how far the Museum Foundation Board had developed despite the pandemic and it being a new organization. Barbara Meyerson also felt that the organization was on a firm footing and was left thinking of future opportunities and directions to take.
- Martin Sepulveda appreciated Maureen Robinson's experience, and believed she confirmed some of the feelings that members had already. She also raised some provocative ideas. Martin Sepulveda felt there was some interesting ideas that could have been drilled down into more extensively, by the retreat ended. Martin Sepulveda is very interested to see Maureen Robinson's notes.

- Barbara Meyerson encouraged all board members to read Maureen Robinson's notes when received and make notes on everything that they feel should be discussed at the next Strategic Planning Retreat. Barbara Meyerson also encouraged all board members to document all their thoughts and inspirations from the retreat so they can be shared with Robinson.
- Joan Clark asked that the Strategic Planning Subcommittee have an opportunity to meet with Maureen Robinson to develop the schedule for the follow-up meeting, taking into account the board members' dialogue from this board meeting. Jody Crago stated that a planning meeting would be scheduled.
- Barbara Meyerson asked that the board members share all their thoughts on what should be discussed at the next retreat with staff. Staff will forward those on to Barbara Meyerson so that she could share those ideas with Maureen Robinson as part of the planning meeting.
- Martin Sepulveda said that the previous retreat meeting made him introspective and have new perspective (both positive and negative) on some of the early community leaders, including Dr. Chandler. Martin Sepulveda continued by stating that the Museum should continue to tell accurate and honest stories.
- Jacki Ryan shared that she was missing a discussion on what the ideal state for the Foundation would be, the vision, the motivation. She acknowledges that the board discussed some opportunities but wanted to have a discussion if those were the right opportunities to pursue in relation to the overall vision.

4. Financial Update

- Tom Escobedo reported out on the financial status of the Museum Foundation.
- Tiffani Egnor mentioned that the money spent for the Mira walls will show on the March report.

5. City Update

- Recruitment for the Museum Storytelling Coordinator has begun. This is a revised position of the Collections Coordinator position.
- Jody Crago will be presenting The Ranch at Tumbleweed Park Master Conceptual Plan to the Parks and Recreation Board at their May board meeting.
- Wayfinding Signage is continuing to be installed at the Museum campus.
- The Homestead North Kiosk is currently being built. Once the structure is complete, there will be a Dedication Ceremony. Museum Foundation Board Members will receive an invitation to this event.
- Landscaping issues are continuing to be addressed.
- The exterior restoration on the houses at The Ranch has been completed. Museum staff is taking out items from the Edwards House so an interior assessment can be completed.
- Enough responses were received for the Museum survey. Results will be shared with the board after they are received.

Member Comments/Announcements

None

Calendar

The next Museum Foundation Executive Subcommittee Meeting will be on **Monday, April 3, 2023, at 5:30p.m.**, in the Chandler Museum, Saguaro Room, 300 S. Chandler Village Drive, in Chandler, Arizona.

The next Museum Foundation Regular Meeting will be held on **Monday, April 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**, in the Chandler Museum, Saguaro Room, 300 S. Chandler Village Drive, in Chandler, Arizona.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Barbara Meyerson, Chair

Jody Crago, President