

## **Western Philatelic Library - Minutes of BOD meeting – July 23, 2008**

### *Attendees:*

*Akthem Al-Manaseer, Tim Burgess, Richard Clever, Bill Dwyer, Gil Goodrich, Stuart Leven, Jerry Mix, Ed Lavearoni, Jim Sauer, Jo Skinner, Roger Skinner, Mary Ann Stanfield, Roy Teixeira*

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Roger S. ran this meeting for Stuart L while he attended a Sunnyvale Library meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### *Treasurer report – Jo S.*

- Received donation of \$3K from Brenner Foundation. Half will be used for book fund and half for operating expense.
- Can a non-member from Oslo donating \$100 receive an automatic membership? Donator was given a membership application. BOD decided that membership is not automatic for a donation.

### **New Business**

#### *BOD Directors/By-laws*

- Roger S. asked about director requirements and status because we have a director located in Illinois. A current WPL BOD list was distributed to all. Roger S. also asked about the process for election.
- Jim S. reminded us that the BOD election happens in the winter and there are rotating terms for the directors. Current BOD of 6 members are elected for life (unless they are interim). Jim S. suggested re-doing the by-laws at a future membership meeting.
- Tim B./Jim S./Ed L. – will look at by-laws and report back at Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Current By-Laws have been distributed to the email list.

#### *BOD future meetings*

- Roger S. suggested holding a BOD meeting at the next Westpex. Tim B. said that the meeting could be via teleconf. Roger S. also asked how often to have board meetings. Akthem A. asked why the Illinois director was on the BOD list and was told that he makes a sizeable contribution.
- Jo S. said the president hasn't called the board meetings in the past.
- Tim B. asked how many board meetings are normally held. Jim S. said there is no board meeting in December. Do we hold one for the other 11 months?
- Bill D. said Westpex has honorary and voting directors.

#### *Raynor Center*

- Roy T. to write a letter to Sunnyvale Mayor regarding. What is the subject? Stuart L. is attending a Library meeting at the Sunnyvale library and will inform the Sunnyvale library that a draft regarding resistant to closure of Raynor Center is coming. The

City of Sunnyvale manager is leaving and the City is screening candidates. We need to submit a proposal to Sunnyvale telling the City about WPL, the number of members and the purpose for WPL's existence. Roy told us that the WPL was named one of America's Treasures and we should market that fact with the City of Sunnyvale.

- Bill D. – loves the WPL library but conditions are tight and it is hard to do research. Tim B. proposes that the same presentation that was made to the City of SJ be made to the City of Sunnyvale. Bill suggested that we discuss the San Jose City presentation. He volunteered to update the SJ presentation for a Sunnyvale audience. Bill to scan the SJ presentation to Jim Griffith. SJ is interested in digital aspect and people to partner with. What does that mean? WPL has a good track record of supporting itself and could raise more money if there was a good purpose. We are self-sufficient and we need a building. The City of Sunnyvale wouldn't gift us a building.
- Tim B. asked for thoughts from the BOD on the chance that the City of Sunnyvale is looking at selling this property. We don't want to purchase a building.
- Roger S. – the City of Sunnyvale has been asked to make a decision about Raynor within the next 30 days. Raynor Center doesn't have a manager and it run by four different departments. Roger suggested the Raynor Center be renovated but that the Sunnyvale council has the final say. He said that a 3<sup>rd</sup> member has just joined the Sunnyvale Library Trustee and that person has agreed to speak for us. He then spoke about the history of Hendy Ironworks. They have additional space (about 1k square feet) but it would be costly to renovate and the area needs sidewalks. This option won't work.
- Roy T. – daycare center at Raynor Center is willing to do whatever is necessary to bring facility up to code. He also said that Morgan Monahan(?) Lee(?) (on the Sunnyvale City Council) is on WPL's side.
- Akthem A. said that somebody named Dr. Singh would be happy to present something (not clear what) to the Mayor of San Jose.

#### *American Philatelic Research Library*

- Roger S. – there is a meeting on 8/15; Tim B. volunteered to attend. APRL has a huge catalog and we want to be a tech mark in the catalog. Participation is a good idea.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Roger S. talked about an email from Terrance Hines State Revenue Society.
- Somebody needs to attend the Library Commission meeting on 8/4. Jim S. and Roy T. volunteered.