

Old Sacramento Living History Program
General Membership
Saturday, November 11, 2006

Meeting held at 1101 Second Street from 10:00 PM – 12:20PM

The meeting started with Lynne Taylor (Seavers) doing a short program on two bonnets that she brought to the meeting. She presented the bonnet style that she will be teaching at the bonnet class on February 3rd, 2007.

- I. Welcome and Introductions were done
- II. Minutes of the September meeting were approved as read
- III. Committee Reports
 - A. Historic Education Program Coordinator – Janessa reported on the following items:
 - Mary Carlson has been in contact with Janessa – she sends a hello to everyone and is doing well - she has become a volunteer at the Historic White Pines Village – this is a 27 acre park with historic buildings and recreations of historic buildings from the 1870s to 1880s era – she also reported that the White Pines Village and OSLHP will become sister organizations and share information and newsletters
 - Looking for volunteers to reorganize the kitchen and storeroom – date to be determined, looking at mid January
 - B. President's / Training Coordinator Report
 - Executive Board is working on Bylaws – anticipate that final revisions will be available in January or February
 - New logo will be used on a new brochure for recruitment, working on updating business cards with new logo and also working on a masthead for the newsletter
 - A suggestion was made to have the roster placed on our Yahoo site – then everyone would have current information available to them
 - A banner is needed for Living History Days – should be of canvas
 - Sex in the Gold Rush is the new name for the Gold Rush Culture class – Ken reported that the class has taken on a different aspect based on the research that he has done in preparation for the class
 - C. Vice President's Report – no report
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 - D. Treasurer's Report
 - Roger reported \$24 revenue for sarsaparilla sales – petty cash balance of \$116.28
 - Richard Vincent reported a \$100 donation made to the group from the CA Medical Association
 - E. Newsletter – No report
 - F. Publicity – We are contacting other groups and attempting to network with them – newsletters from other organizations are available for review in the lobby of

the Living History Museum – we need to let the public know that we are available for hire

G. Library – Ruth reported that all is well with the library – will start to catalog tapes and videos – suggestion made to provide the catalog of books on line on our website

H. Web Site –

- Doug reported that the site was down for 2 days – we are getting 1200 hits a month
- Suggestion made to have more current photos or photos that automatically change on the site – Doug reported in order to do this type of upgrade the group needs to look at other options for a web host as the one we currently have is in China and it is difficult to accomplish upgrades to the site as Doug's Chinese is limited
- The Museum is a huge draw for the OSLHP website – Doug is looking for more articles to add to the site – he suggests an article on shoes or holsters would be excellent as there is very little available right now on those topics
- Please email Doug your photos for character changes, etc.
- The general meeting minutes will now be posted on the website

I. Clothing Committee –

- Yolanda continues to work on the women's clothing with sizing and labeling
- Joann Peterson has volunteered to be our "Sewing Workshop Coordinator" – Joann's expertise will be used to guide the group in creating period appropriate attire – this will be accomplished in a variety of ways, one of which will be articles in the newsletter related to a specific topic each month
- Jason donated a top hat, frockcoat, and waistcoat to the men's clothing closet

IV. Old Business

A. Ghost Tours

- The tours went really well, although a little touch and go at some times with enough OSLHP participants as well as tour participants the first week
- A savings of 20% was obtained by Janessa selling the tickets, thus we increased our profits by 20%
- Some tours were overbooked
- Mikes are needed to ensure that everyone on the tour can hear the tour guide – Janessa will work on this
- It was noted that the area by the Railroad Museum is fairly quiet and may be a better place to have more of the tour take place – the alley is also a good place for a stop on the tour
- It was also noted that the guests on the tour enjoyed the Old Sac history that was included in the tours

B. Santa Parade

- Penny reported that plans are coming along well – the theme will be a general mercantile store – items will be taken from the museum to the float – underclothes will be hung on the back of the float – need a pair of red long

johns to hang on the back of the float – the flatbed of the truck will have mining paraphernalia

- Also looking for volunteers to help decorate the float on Friday, November 24th – Float will be near the Railroad Museum
- On the day of parade members need to meet between 13th & 14th and O Street at 9:00 – parade starts at 11:00 – also need some volunteers to remove the tarp from the float at 7:30 AM at the RR Museum
- Janessa obtained some bids to have our new logo made into some large magnetic signs that will cover the state logo on the truck – will obtain these prior to the parade

C. Yahoo mail

- Some discussion regarding the groups use of this avenue for communication
- It appears that many members are not knowledgeable regarding how to use the site – it was suggested that an article be placed in the newsletter to explain how to use it

D. Dickens' Christmas Fair

- Ken reported that December 10th is the date the group plans to travel to the Cow Palace to attend this event - participants should plan to leave about 8:30 AM and will return about 7PM

E. Fall Harvest Festival -

F. Tree Lighting Festival – November 22nd

V. New Business

A. Christmas Party – December 9th

- Party will be held at La Tereza on December 9th from 6:30 to 9:00PM. Dinner for members is \$5 – guests will be \$9 – a menu was passed around for everyone to sign up for their choice of dinner – need to have final choice for dinner 2 weeks prior to the event

B. Dickens Fair – December 10th

- Ken reported that discount tickets are \$17 with advance notice – please let Ken know if you will be attending – will leave Sacramento at 8:30 AM

C. Tree Lighting Festival

- There will be a 70 foot tree placed on Front Street – a steamboat will deliver trees for needy families

C. Father Christmas – Doug Peterson and Terry Meleau will cover this character during the holiday season

D. Strolls/Christmas Caroling – December 9th

- It was determined that those that wish to stroll and sing Christmas carols prior to the Christmas Party will meet about 2PM

E. Bonnet Class – February 3rd

- Jill reported that the bonnet class will be held in our meeting room – cost is \$55 and will include the pattern and some of the supplies needed to make the bonnet

F. Donation Box – Janessa is looking for a volunteer to make a box that would be period appropriate to collect donations in

G. Water Dispenser – Janessa proposed that she research a water dispenser for the meeting room – a motion was made and approved that this be done

- H. Name tags – the idea of name tags was done and will be implemented at the next general meeting – names tags will stay at the center and be worn at meetings only
- I. Mentor – Ken reported that mentors are available – please place this request with Ken
- J. Business Cards – the idea of business cards was presented and will be implemented

VI. Schedule of Upcoming Events

- A. 11/24 – Santa Parade Float Decorating Party
- B. 11/25 – Santa Parade
- C. 12/9 – Christmas Party
- D. 12/10 – Dicken’s Fair Excursion
- E. 12/12 – Executive Board Meeting
- F. 12/17 – Victorian Dance Lessons
- G. 12/19 – Dolph Gotelli’s Victorian Christmas Ephemera Collection Exhibit – Sacramento County Historical Society
- H. 1/9 – Executive Board Meeting
- I. 1/13 – General Board Meeting / Stroll / Class
- J. 1/21 – Victorian Dance Lessons
- K. 1/28 – Living History Day

VII. Announcements and Adjournments

- Jason reported that he and Ms. Clapp were married in Tahoe.
- Terry Eargle stated that there were handouts available today for the hand signals for the Twelve Days of Christmas

VIII. Snacks – Jan Bullard will bring to the January meeting

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jill Quinn

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