

BERKLEY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Present: S. Richardson (Chairperson), J. Tong (Vice-Chairperson), W. Mathis (Treasurer/non-voting), D. Carlson (Secretary), M.C. Mueller, Glenn Rubright, Rachel Patterson, S. Hansen, D. Callihan, K. Grimm, K. Schmeling, K. Scharra-Eraqi, City Council Liaison S. Baker **Absent:** J. Cauley

1. The meeting was called to order by S. Richardson at 7:05 pm. S. Richardson called for amendments to the agenda and none were put forth. S. Richardson called for a motion to approve the meeting's agenda. S. Hansen made a motion to approve the meeting's agenda. D. Callihan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion. No non-Committee members were present and no citizen comments were made.
2. **City Council Liaison Report.** S. Baker reported:
 - a. A reiteration of recent developments in the City Council's marijuana shop licensing process.
 - b. City Council's upcoming annual budget talks; a 22 to 23 million dollar budget will be developed.
 - c. No progress on Village Hall renovation plans.
3. S. Richardson called for possible corrections to the minutes for the March 8th, 2022 meeting of the Committee. None were put forth. S. Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8th, 2022 meeting of the Berkley Historical Committee. R. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.
4. Potential volunteer Tony Blauvelt was introduced. Tony is adjunct faculty at the Oakland Community College library and has a knowledge of "Past Perfect".
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer W. Mathis reported a prior balance of \$19,897.11; expenditures of \$39.95 in credit card processing fees, \$847.88 for 144 mugs from Pine State Industries, a \$250.00 application fee for the Berkley Village Hall Historical Marker,

\$98.00 paid to the American Association for State and Local History for annual dues, and \$120.00 paid for a wholesale lot of ten copies of D. Carlson's Corrado Parducci Field Guide. Income totaled \$42.00 in miscellaneous sales at the Museum and the Public Library, with a resulting balance of \$18,583.28.

6. Curator's Report: J. Tong reported on multiple issues:

- a. The Museum's computer is now connected to two printers, one in the Museum and one in the City's offices. The City's printer is open for Museum use but preferably during City Hall's off hours.
- b. 'Museum Corner' will be printed by the City in the future and the Committee will realize significant savings as a result.
- c. Mailing 'Museum Corner' to city residents has been ruled out as too expensive. S. Hansen recommended the Committee work to have 'Museum Corner' inserted into 'New Resident' packages.
- d. The museum has been resupplied with a stack of kids' fire helmets.
- e. The Holland Hardware Fire display is up and a recent Museum visitor identified her late husband as one of the pictured firefighters.
- f. The idea of a lottery style drawing/giveaway of the Berkley Review Village Hall headline page and Holland Hardware Fire images was floated but not discussed.
- g. The cataloging of storage boxes in the upstairs storage area is complete.
- h. The Berkley 100th Anniversary catalog project is moving forward as planned.
- i. No new gifts to the Museum.

7. Historical Marker Reports: D. Carlson reported submission of the Committee's application for the Berkley Village Hall historical marker and an acknowledgement of receipt from the State officials reviewing it. D. Callihan reported continuing research on Angell School history and development of the application. The question of the likelihood of the Berkley School Board contributing significantly to the total price of a two-sided historical marker was discussed.

8. The design and acquisition of Museum and Berkley history themed apparel for the purposes of uniforming and retail sales was again discussed. M.C. Mueller and S. Richardson reported the details of their visit to a local embroidery shop, 'Stitchworks

Embroidery', at which there are available men's and women's sizes and polo shirts. D. Callihan and D. Carlson reported no progress on account of D. Carlson being in New Orleans most of the prior month. The subject was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.

- 9.** The Committee's development of a new "Berkley Restaurants of the Past" mug design for retail sales was discussed. J. Tong presented a mock-up of a possible design for the Committee's approval. D. Carlson volunteered to improve the general concept with a new rendering. Committee members expressed reservations about including Hardee's corporate trademarks in the final design and it was agreed that they would be dropped. J. Tong suggested that the new mugs be fabricated in a larger size, 15 ounces, than prior models of 12 ounces. The idea was met with general approval. J. Tong moved that the Committee expend up to \$978.80 towards the purchase of mugs featuring the new design. S. Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.
- 10.** The Museum shift sign-up calendar was passed around. Art Bash participation was discussed very briefly.
- 11.** The Committee's level of involvement in the Berkley Days event was discussed. A general consensus to maintain the Committee's three-day commitment of previous years emerged. The 2022 event will take place inside Berkley's Community Center at 2400 Robina St. The hours of the event were reported as Friday May 13th from 5 to 9 pm, Saturday, May 14th from 9 am to 9 pm, and Sunday, May 15th from noon to 5 pm. Committee members agreed to set up, take down and staff an Historical Museum/Committee niche during all of the event's hours of operation.
- 12.** J. Tong reported a recent visit to the Royal Oak Historical Museum where he and Committee members R. Patterson, D. Callihan and T. Blauvelt learned more about the proper implementation of the 'Past Perfect' system. J. Tong stated that questions regarding proper labeling still remain. T. Blauvelt stated his intention to begin the inputting of data into the system soon.

- 13.** Recent Birthdays of J. Tong (March 27th), S. Hansen (April 2nd), and Waneda Mathis (April 11th) were acknowledged. Tuesday, May 10th was reported as the Committee's next meeting date.
- 14.** S. Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:26 pm. D. Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.