

Minutes of the meeting of the FOCWA Board of Directors, October 30, 2021

Present: Steve Johnson, Evelyn Mar. Robert Mayer, Frank Avila, Michael Bennett, Matt Hess, Chuck Gardali, George Foxworth, Constance Smith

Minutes were reviewed, Mike Bennett moved to accept, Evelyn Mar seconded; minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report – see attached

Membership report: we now have 34 members. Evelyn has mailed the October newsletter with membership renewal forms. She urged each member to set a goal of adding a new member each and reminded the group that donations are accepted. She read a formal thank you to Steve Johnson and Gary Hormel for their leadership.

Constance moved to have both reports accepted, Chuck seconded; reports were approved.

Steve thanked Chuck for paying for the new membership cards and for providing stamps so they can be mailed out after Steve inscribes the names in calligraphy.

Steve reported on current situations for Alcatraz and Fort Point: The storm on Oct 24, 2021 cancelled the boats to Alcatraz and caused flooding in Fort Point as the drainage system on the parade ground backed up. The parks will be going to a winter schedule soon, reducing hours. Alcatraz still expects a good amount of visitors and needs all the help volunteers can give. Steve is still trying to arrange a mini-event but the administration staff is still debating the idea. It is most likely that the next event will be in Spring 2022.

There will be a training for new rangers and staff on Nov. 4, 2021 where Steve will teach a class on California & the Civil War. Constance will teach about women during the Civil War and what their roles were in CA at that time. In the afternoon, instruction for night tours at Fort Point will take place. The location has not been disclosed – Steve will contact Jasmine on Monday Nov. 1, 2021 and get an address. No lunch will be provided.

John Martini recently conducted a training session in The Citadel for volunteers, but Behind the Scenes tours are not yet approved in that location due to lack of ventilation.

Steve asked for those who are willing to take part in a mini event on the island with stations, no walking tours; several members indicated interest. Steve will continue to attempt contact with the appropriate people at Alcatraz. Some members have been to full reenactment events in Aug. & Sept. The public have come out to view the events, despite COVID concerns.

Steve reviewed Veteran's Day. Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be at the Presidio Cemetery Gate to salute family members on Nov. 11, 2021 from 10 am to 1 pm. There may be ad hoc tours – Steve has contacted the cemetery supervisor of the cemetery and is awaiting a reply.

Steve will provide a list of books – some very new – about the Civil War in CA with membership cards.

Constance reminded everyone about the wreath laying for CW veterans in Santa Rosa Rural on Dec 4, 2021

Next meeting: Jan. 8, 2022

Treasurer's Report:

Checking account has \$6,104.98

Savings account has \$1,418.42

Gary was reimbursed \$54.64

Evelyn purchased stamps for \$41.40

Submitted by Constance Smith, Secretary