

Friends of Civil War Alcatraz

Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual) June 11, 2022

Board Members present: Steve Johnson (Co-chairman), Gary Hormel (Co-chairman), Evelyn Mar (Treasurer), Frank Avila, Jeffrey Vaillant

Members present: George Foxworth, Ken Felton, Matt Hess, Phil Blake, Mike Bennett

A quorum of 5 was met.

Minutes of the last meeting were summarized; Gary moved to accept the minutes and Mike seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Steve provided an update about Alcatraz. Steve, Gary, Mike Bennett, and Constance Smith have been giving walking tours on the island every month. Visitors on the island are at pre-pandemic levels on the weekends and tickets are booked several weeks in advance. Two seasonal rangers will be coming on board this month. Ranger Wendy, the volunteer co-ordinator, will be returning to the island at the end of the month.

Membership report: current membership stands at 23.

Treasurers report: \$7,058.70 in checking and \$1,418 in savings. Steve made a motion to move \$5000 from checking into savings, in order to receive at least a little interest from the savings account. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey and the board voted to approve. Evelyn will contact the bank.

Mike reported that National PARKS now require the wearing of masks indoors again due to a rise of Covid infections.

Mike also reported that a video about A Block is available to watch when A Block is open.

Gary and Steve reported that preparations for Living History DAY on Alcatraz, set for July 30th, are proceeding. They will be meeting with our park liaison, Ranger Matt, on Sunday June 19 to discuss the following: parking for volunteers (especially for the band and Frank), weapons check by a law enforcement ranger, lunches for volunteers, a preliminary schedule, and table locations for medical displays and for FOCWA.

Phil Blake would like to help with lunches, and Mike Bennett would like to help with cannon demonstrations. Matt & Ken plan to be there. Constance, Steve, and Gary will rotate with walking tours of Fort Alcatraz.

Members of FOCWA were at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in the Presidio on Memorial Day to welcome visitors and to give talks at the headstones of notables from the Civil War. Frank was part of a Sons of Union Veterans ceremony at Oak Hill Cemetery in San Jose.

Minutes recorded by Steve Johnson, secretary pro-tem