

Friends of Civil War Alcatraz

Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual) August 6, 2022, 4 p.m.

Board Members present: Steve Johnson (Co-chairman), Gary Hormel (Co-chairman), Frank Avila, John Fitzpatrick

Members present: Ken Felton, Matt Hess, Mike Bennett, William Jensen

Since only 4 board members were present, a quorum was not met and no board actions taken

Minutes of the last meeting were bypassed but can be viewed on our website.

Evelyn submitted the treasurer's report via email. We have \$6418.54 in our business savings account, and \$2,333.70 in our checking account. \$275 was deposited from new memberships. Expenses for Living History Day amounted to \$746.87 (lunches, printing, postage, coffee)

Gary reported that we had four new members join us recently: John Ferris, Glenn Martin, Jeffrey Nibert, and William Jensen. We had two renewals: Phil Blake and Steve Bogart. We agreed it was good to have a fresh infusion of new and returning members!

Steve gave a report on Living History Day on Alcatraz on July 30th. Three tables were set up around the island — an info table about FOCWA and the SUVVCW, a table of 1860s medicines, and a soldier's equipment table. Tables were manned by new FOCWA members and NPS volunteers. They also took turns giving talks in the cannon room. Steve, Constance, and Mike Bennett gave walking and citadel tours. Two re-enactors portrayed Harriet Tubman and Pauline Cushman. The 3rd Artillery Band played tunes as the boats landed. Phil Blake and Evelyn did a great job in distributing lunches to the volunteers and rangers. Everyone reported getting positive feedback from the many visitors who enjoyed our presence on the island.

Steve reported that the Living History Day at Fort Point will be on Saturday, August 13th. (Date was changed by the re-enactors). We would like FOCW members to attend to help man the FOCWA information table. Since we get many locals coming on Living History Day, this is a good time to recruit. Those coming should arrive by 9:15 to get a parking pass from the rangers, then park at the lot at Crissy Field. A shuttle to the fort will be available.

Steve also mentioned he will be doing a Presidio Walking Tour on August 28, 10 a.m. starting at the Presidio Visitor Center.

Steve brought up the idea of our members giving talks about Alcatraz and the Civil War at community centers, libraries, community organizations (Rotary, SIRs, etc.) and schools. He will prepare speaker notes for members who are willing to do this.

Minutes recorded by Steve Johnson, secretary pro-tem