

FOCWA Oct. 07, 2023

NOTE: Meetings have been held subsequent to Feb. 2023 meeting but without a quorum so no formal minutes since that date,

Present: Steve Johnson, Gary Hormel, Mike Bennet, Evelyn Mars, Bill Blake, Frank Avila, George Foxworth, Constance Smith

Minutes reviewed and approved.

Treasurer report: Funds have been spent on de minimus costs, no formal bank balances presented

Steve reviewed plans for Living History Day on Alcatraz now scheduled for Oct. 21, 2023. Nine (9) members of the band are guaranteed to appear. Parking for 12 cars will be available on the dock, including 2 handicap spaces. Steve will ensure the parking gate between the lots are open. Members have been advised of change in conditions. Entrance is now via the public lot at Pier 29. Constance will bring a small medical display and Stephanie will assist in demonstrations with the public. It is unsure how many soldiers will be present as there is a private, "back country" reenactment that day in Elk Gove, CA will draw many re-enactors.

FOCWA has received a donation of \$1,000.00. Steve John conducted a special tour for a group after having paid for their ferry tickets. \$200.00 was reimbursed to him, leaving \$800.00 for use. Suggestions for use of the funds included

- 1) Securing a new sponge rod for the cannon room
- 2) Replacing items of clothing in the uniform closet, such as socks, different sizes of shirts or jackets. Constance and Steve will review the closet on 10/08/2023 to see what needs replacing/ repair.
- 3) A used musket might be purchased for approximately \$500.00 but NPS regulations must be reviewed.

Prices will be secured and final vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Discussion of Veteran's Day 11/11/2023. Volunteers will meet at the Presidio Cemetery gate at 10:00am and remaining for 3 – 4 hours; with a possibility of going to the Civil war graves for a portion of that time. A picnic on the Tunnels Top Park will follow. Constance will bring desert.

New Business: Constance is conducting a Halloween / Victorian entertainment program at Ft Point on Oct. 28, 2023 and welcomes anyone who wishes to join.