

# *Mendocino County Museum*

## ADVISORY BOARD

**November 15, 2023, Minutes - Approved**

### Museum Advisory Board Members:

**Brent Walker**, Third District Representative, Museum Advisory Board Chair

**Rebecca Montes**, Mendocino College Representative, Museum Advisory Board Vice-Chair

**David Poma**, Historical Society of Mendocino County Representative

**Greta Kanne**, City of Willits Representative

**Bruce Patterson**, Roots of Motive Power Representative

**Jim Eddie**, First District Representative

**Jamie Peters-Connelly**, Fourth District Representative

**Neeka Aguirre**, Second District Representative

**Vacancy**, Fifth District Representative

### Guests:

**Karen Mattson**, Museum Administrator

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** 1:12 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Rebecca Montes, Greta Kanne, David Poma, Brent Walker, Jamie Peters-Connelly, Neeka Aguirre
4. **Consent Items:**  
**Motion to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Approved
5. **Public Expression:** N/A
6. **Museum Administrator's Report:** Karen Mattson provided an update on the recent activity at the Museum. The *Stone Stories* program, despite the rain, was a success with over 60 people in attendance as was the *Her Stories* Curator Panel, which drew a small crowd of 40. Photographs are still needed of Board Members Greta Kanne, David Poma, and Jim Eddie.
7. **New Business:**
  - a) The MAB Bylaws are being evaluated and changes pertaining to adding an elected recording secretary, language to address unexcused or excessive absences, consideration of a smaller quorum, and the timing of elections are being considered. Jamie Peters-Connelly and Neeka Aguirre will meet to discuss and bring back recommendations to the next meeting.
  - b) Lindsey Dick has gathered examples of Land Acknowledgments used in Mendocino County and Karen Mattson will schedule a meeting via teams to connect with Jamie

Peters-Connelly and Lindsey Dick to review the current draft prior to the next meeting.

- c) Karen Mattson reported that the County of Mendocino is experiencing extreme financial challenges and an ADHOC committee is seeking to maximize efficiency and restructure to ensure cost savings where possible. Neeka Aguirre proposed that the MAB write a letter calling for action on the future of the Museum. Rebecca Seconded the motion. All voted in favor of composing a letter and asked Brent Walker to mail it.
- d) Brent Walker reported that the Friends of the Museum now have merchandise for sale on Zazzle and shared examples of the products that can be purchased.

Old Business:

The Roots MOU is an ongoing effort and will be discussed at the next Roots Meeting.

Next Meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 10, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Wonacott Room.

**8.** Meeting Adjourned at 2:44 p.m..