

## MINUTES

### ANNUAL DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE ART BEAL FOUNDATION

JANUARY 12, 1978

The annual meeting of the Art Beal Foundation was called to order by President John FitzRandolph. Others present were Jim Duenow, Vice-President; and Vicki Leon, Secretary-Treasurer. Since none of the associate members are voting members, it was determined that a quorum of the voting members was present and that business could be conducted.

Under Old Business, President John FitzRandolph brought up the fact that voting member Vicki Leon's term of office was due to expire. It was nominated, seconded and voted unanimously that Vicki Leon be elected to the Board of Directors for another year. It was further moved that she retain the office of Secretary-Treasurer for another year.

Under New Business, the addition of 9 associate members was noted and approved. During 1977, the following people became associate (non-voting ) members of the Art Beal Foundation: Katherine Walling; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark; Ms. Kathleen Allen; Dr. and Mrs. Linus Pauling; Danny O'Keefe; and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tremper. Secretary-Treasurer Vicki Leon stated that associate members had received complete packets of recent publicity about the Foundation, a newsletter, and a copy of An Uncommon Guide to San Luis Obispo, a book about the county which makes special mention of Nitwit Ridge and the Art Beal Foundation. The books were donated by Vicki Leon, its coauthor.

President John FitzRandolph gave a brief report of the year's activities. First, the fund-raiser and raffle held during January and February of 1977 was a reasonable success. Net proceeds were \$2,073., and expenses were \$428.45. Numerous items and services were donated, which enabled the Foundation to keep costs down. Blake Printery donated \$92 worth of printing, and 26 merchants, artists and organizations donated 66 raffle prizes to award in the raffle. (Total value of the prizes was \$2,430.)

Second, the above fund-raiser and an additional \$425. worth of donations from associate members enabled the Foundation to pay off back and present property taxes (including late penalties) in the amount of \$1,947.24. The Foundation also paid off one of the two interest-free loans made in 1975, in the amount of \$660.59. Secretary-Treasurer Vicki Leon presented a complete Operating Statement and Balance Sheet for FY 1976-77 to the Board of Directors, which was approved. A Financial Statement for calendar year 1977 will be forthcoming as well, to be filed with the necessary forms with the State and Federal government.

Other activities of note in 1977 included the nomination of Nitwit Ridge to the National Registry of Historic Places and its attendant publicity. The Board of Directors voted a thank-you to the San Luis Obispo County Historical Society, whose Board of Directors unanimously backed the nomination and signed the petition that went to the State Historical Commission. Another thank-you goes to Seymour Rosen, California photographer and historian who was the impetus behind the nomination of 11 "folk art" environments in California to the National Registry. To date, no word has been received from the Registry as to passage or no. Acceptance could mean eligibility of the Art Beal Foundation for State and Federal grants for restoration purposes.

Secretary-Treasurer Vicki Leon gave a report on the second fund-raiser of 1977, the direct-mail "Present of the Past" Christmas solicitation. The financial results were somewhat disheartening. Over 700 mailers were sent, and donations totalled \$410, \$30 of which came in after the New Year. However, expenses to print and mail the mailer came to \$125, leaving a net profit of \$285.

However, with this activity and with other donations that trickled in during the year, the Foundation was able to repay \$425 to Katherine Walling, the other no-interest loan outstanding, plus she agreed to deduct \$100 as an associate member, leaving the Foundation with an Accounts Payable indebtedness of \$475.

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Vicki Leon

Secretary-Treasurer

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