EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Isabel Rosas, Secretary
Don Dodd, Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Ortiz

Introductions

Isabel Rosas introduced Maryanne Hayashi, Executive Director, Central City Action Committee (CCAC) Youth Program. CCAC is one organization listed on the City of Los Angeles Old Fire Station 6 property lease. Maryanne Hayashi, thanked the Department on behalf of the 23 staff members and 200 youth. Their program is a delinquency prevention project that serves the youth, ages 9 to 21, with a comprehensive tutoring program, counseling, etc. The youth are always involved in the community, at various fairs and festivals, as well as cleaning up the community. They work on educational issues and are heavily involved in the community so that they become a part of the solution not the problem. Some of the children of CCAC wrote letters and drew pictures all related to Fire Department topics for the LAFD Historical Society members. They are also currently working on exhibits for the upcoming open house of Old Fire Station 6.

Isabel Rosas introduced Patti Good, of the Angelino Heights Community Organization (AHCO). Ms. Good also described another organization involved at Old Fire Station 6 . . . the Historical Preservation Overlay Zone. The Historical Preservation Overlay Zone deals with issues relating to the structure and modification of the older homes in the neighborhood. The AHCO takes care of various issues in the neighborhood. Both of these organizations will have their regular meetings at Old Fire Station 6. Patti Good kindly provided delicious refreshments for our LAFD Historical Society General Membership Meeting attendees.

Minutes

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Treasurer’s Report

Don Dodd reported that there is approximately $187,000 in the LAFDHS accounts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS

Firefighter Memorial
Public Safety, won the Memorial design competition. His concept of the Memorial included five figures of various uniformed members of the Fire Department. Including the landscaping, granite walls, and design of the plaza area, the cost estimate for the Memorial site is about $325,000. Fundraising ideas for the Memorial were discussed.

**Apparatus**

Joe Ortiz reported that he has acquired a Fire Alarm for the museum display. John Ackerman reported that a 1957 High Pressure Wagon is soon to be acquired. Also, a 1954 Crown Triple, second generation, is available to the LAFD Historical Society. All we have to do is pick it up. We will move those apparatus, along with the 1955 Seagrave Truck and a 1958 Seagrave Pump to Old Fire Station 6 after the open house celebration. Fire Station 49 is still working on the old Seagrave. Planet Hollywood offered the LAFD Historical Society a Mid Ship Ariel. However, that piece of equipment has no pump or motor; therefore, it was decided that the LAFD Historical Society would not add this item to our stock.

**Newsletter**

John Ackerman reported that he and Liz Bamattre have been working on the LAFDHS Newsletter and hope to have it ready for print tomorrow. The entire LAFDHS Newsletter will be approximately six to eight pages in length. Isabel Rosas will provide Liz Bamattre with the membership database for mailing labels.

**Construction Site**

Isabel Rosas reported that everything is progressing very well at the construction site. Roger Gillis continues to watch the progression of the construction and is also continuing to photograph the various stages of the Museum construction.

**Old Business**

Isabel Rosas reported that at the last LAFD Historical Society General Membership Meeting there was discussion and consideration of the possibility of hiring a Director to help with the day-to-day constant business that the LAFD Historical Society must handle. William Rolland stated that, at this point, the momentum should be maintained or accelerated. The LAFD Historical Society has a lot invested in the progress of the Museum with regard to our contract with Rise International. Also, the need for a professional fundraiser and someone to handle internal matters for the LAFD Historical Society are extremely important. Isabel Rosas advised that the LAFDHS Executive Board is continuing to work on this issue. There was a public relations firm that made a presentation to the Executive Board in the early stages of the Museum concept (Cerrell Associates, Inc.). The LAFD Historical Society Executive Board is looking into re-contacting them to see if they are still
Old Business (Continued)

On October 19, 2000. On this date, Rise International will be making a presentation on their current status and, hopefully, they will have a video ready for us to begin marketing, fundraising, etc.

On October 19, 2000, the LAFD Historical Society Executive Board will also discuss the progress in the matter of hiring a Director and/or Public Relations firm to begin our fundraising efforts focusing on corporations, organizations, etc. The LAFD Historical Society Executive Board will definitely move on these issues and, in addition, the LAFDHS general membership is (once again) being formally notified on these matters. The LAFDHS Executive Board is committed to continuing to provide an opportunity for input from all members of the LAFDHS. The LAFD Historical Society is in agreement on the need to move forward.

Bill Dahlquist reported that on September 11 and 13, 2000, he and other LAFD Historical Society members met with Bob Wagner, of Rise International. Mr. Wagner photographed a variety of memorabilia and stored these photos on four disks. Photographs were taken of approximately 200 items stored at the Supply and Maintenance (S&M) Division. While over at S&M, they discovered a number of old and fragile photographs in frames that should be stored in a more secure area. A large number of these fragile photos are in a trunk. There are also a lot of other unique items, old uniforms, etc., stored at S&M. Liz Bamattre suggested putting the large and fragile items in the Gold Room on the 10th floor of LAFD Headquarters.

New Business

Rise International will be making a formal presentation to the LAFDHS Executive Board on Thursday, October 19, 2000. The LAFDHS Executive Board looks forward to the next LAFDHS General Membership Meeting on November 5, 2000, the first Thursday of November, to discuss all the issues that were decided by the Board.

Old Fire Station 6 Open House

The Grand Reopening of Old Fire Station 6 will take place on Wednesday, October 11, 2000, 2 to 7 p.m. All members of the LAFDHS and the Fire Department are invited and encouraged to attend. Councilmembers Mike Hernandez and Jackie Goldberg, as well as Fire Chief William Bamattre will be in attendance for this grand event. Many other community and City leaders will also attend. The LAFDHS will work on setting up a display on the apparatus floor area to represent the LAFDHS. Isabel Rosas stated there is a need for volunteers to work on this project and requested those interested in helping out to attend a work party. Isabel also stated she has not been able to get hold
of any photos of Old Fire Station 6 and requested help with locating photos for the event/display. Joe Ortiz, John Ackerman, Liz Bamattre, and Jim Finn, volunteered to assist Isabel with the display. Volunteers will meet late Monday afternoon, October 9, 2000 to work on the display.

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Dennis Frazier reported that he had submitted to John Jacobsen a list of questions for a videotaping of Bill Goss to capture the history of the Department as seen through his eyes. Isabel will ask John Jacobsen if the questionnaire has been reviewed and ready to finalize. Isabel stated she had received a telephone call from Ted Aquaro, Los Angeles Fire Relief Association, regarding the only one surviving Firefighter that was on the Fire Department at the turn of the century. Bill Goss interviewed and videotaped him for an article in the Grapevine. Ted suggested that the LAFDHS might want to also conduct additional interviews of retired LAFD members. The LAFDHS will continue to work on future plans to capture LAFD historical stories from retired members. It was suggested that emergency funds be utilized to hire an outside agency to provide videotaping/interviewing services.

Isabel Rosas introduced Tom Soong, Senior Field Deputy, Council District 1. Tom reported that Councilmember Hernandez is very supportive of the LAFDHS and further ensured that the bottom floor of Old Fire Station 6 will be dedicated to our organization. He also wants to make sure that everything runs well in the building. Councilman Hernandez is also extremely supportive of the LAFDHS establishing a museum-type display at Old Fire Station 6. In addition, Isabel advised that this would be a good location to have the LAFDHS General Membership monthly meetings.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LAFDHS will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2000, at Old Fire Station 6.

Submitted by Isabel Rosas, Secretary
LAFD Historical Society Executive Board