

Pacific Palisades Historical Society
Special Board Meeting
November 20, 2023
Minutes

At a Zoom video conference, President Barbara Kohn called to order a special meeting of the PPHS Board at 11:06 a.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023, for the purpose of further discussing and making arrangements for the December 3, 2023 event at the Thomas Mann House. Board members present: Bill Bruns, Donna Vaccarino, Harris Smith, Patrick Healy, Randy Young, Shirley Haggstrom. Absent: Anthea Raymond, Eric Dugdale, Ed Lowe.

Mann Event

—For refreshments, Donna is shopping for cookies, preferably individually wrapped. Randy will pick up small bottles of drinking water for the guests.

—In addition to the 70 guest slots allocated to PPHS by the Mann House, it will have its own personnel, so the total number present should be somewhere above 85.

—Members concurred PPHS should gift the Mann House with a PPHS blanket. Harris will bring it. **Secretary's reminder:** During the October 22 special meeting, the board agreed to offer another blanket at the Mann House as a raffle prize for one of the guests.

—Randy said he's still adding material to his presentation, which he expects will run 25-30 minutes, and touch on themes including the global tensions of the 1930's and the perceptions of Palisadians then to the arrival of emigrés from Europe. Randy will also cite the observations of David Malcolmson, then a UCLA professor who knew many in the emigré community. Ed Lowe will video record the presentation. As his guest, Randy will be bringing Thomas Neumann, whose father was the author Alfred Neumann, a contemporary and acquaintance of the emigré intellectuals. "It's going to be fun!" Randy promised.

—Barbara will begin the program with a welcome, and a brief general meeting will be called to order to consider the Bylaw amendments, which Harris will explain before the amendments are put to a vote.

—Harris volunteered himself and wife Jill to handle the guest check-in. Patrick will provide a list, and also email a copy in advance to Benno Herz, Mann House Program Director. Harris will also bring PPHS items to be set out, including remittance envelopes, copies of the newsletter which came out just this past week, and copies of the Centennial publication.

—Patrick will take photographs and write an article on the Mann event for the next newsletter.

Other business:

Members briefly discussed newly received correspondence from Tom Burlin, seeking a home for an 11x14" oil painting of the Palisades/Malibu coast that bears the signature Tange. Burlin said he understands it was painted in 1921. Randy will follow up.



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The Board also received a letter from *Palisadian-Post* editor in chief Sarah Schmerling, relaying on offer from the Kendall family to share material from its archives, focusing on the Marquez Knolls area, and in particular, the popular Hill & Dale preschool the family founded in the 1950's. Barbara will follow up.

Donna highlighted a December 5 meeting concerning the pedestrian bridge proposed to span PCH at the foot of Potrero Canyon. CD11 Councilwoman Traci Park will be present.

Adjournment:

This special meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Next board meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m on Monday, December 4.

Before then, PPHS will hold a general membership meeting at the Thomas Mann House in the Palisades Riviera during the event 2-4 p.m. on December 3.

Note: invitations have been sent to all dues current PPHS members informing them that an RSVP is required to attend.