

—BELMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY—



" THE OLD BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOL "

GENERAL MEETING

June 11, 1994

**TREASURER'S REPORT

**SECRETARY'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS: TASK FORCE UPDATE
(Open Space)

NEW BUSINESS: SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
(Sign Up)
NEW INFORMATION ON
COUNTRY STORE'S
POSITION

- I. Special thanks to Ellie for an outstanding Newsletter and to Carolyn and her crew for bringing our files up to date.
- II. Should we install a phone in the History Room?
- III. New location discussion
- IV. Board meetings in lieu of upcoming concerns, events, etc.
- V. Physical layout (enclose window on East side wall to allow more room for displays)
- VI. Report on Ralston School Historical Project (Belmont)
- VII. Membership (Board meeting)
- VIII. Stronger relationship with other Historical organizations, ie; The Dunsmuir House.

GUEST SPEAKER Virginia Ross Gellar will discuss the history of libraries and their influence on San Mateo County. Included, will be a brief history of Belmont's Library System.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- LOS ALTOS HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANTIQUE FAIRE & OPEN HOUSE (June 12)
- SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
- VICTORIAN DAYS IN THE PARK

BELMONT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MINUTES...SATURDAY JUNE 11,1994

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 in the History Room Annex by President Tom Seivert. Caroline Fisher introduced Virginia Ross Geller and Tom introduced Jim Mc Laughlin. Present were: Virginia Geller, Caroline Fisher, Hally Rogers, Carol Monahan, Bert Johnson, Janet Graetz, Charlaaine Seivert. The minutes were presented.

Tom Seivert, Ellie Woodard, Jim McLaughlin,

The Treasurer's report was given by Ellie Woodard, showing a balance of \$2,505.92 as of June 11,1994. There were 67 paid memberships and 4 paid memberships through 1995.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Task Force update on open space showed no progress since the finances to develop the trails depended on Proposition #180.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Concerts are to start on June 19th with a Western Group. A sign up sheet was presented for staffing the History Room. A special thank you was made to Ellie Woodard for the outstanding News Letter and to Caroline Fisher and her crew for bringing the files up to date.

Plans were made for installing a phone in the History Room.

Caroline Fisher suggested having information in the Fall issue of the Parks and Recreation Department Activity Guide.

There was discussion on a new location perhaps in the Country Store near the new Underpass. This didn't seem satisfactory, it is better to stay here in the Park.

Plans were made to have board meetings during the summer to cover upcoming concerns.

Tom told of Denny's suggestion for enclosing the East side Window to make room for more displays. It may be first covered with plywood to see how dark it will be.

The Ralston School Belmont Historical Project was considered most worthwhile and the students did a fantastic job. Caroline said that the writing and graphs on climate and history were outstanding.

Plans were presented for building our membership. We have a new member from Millbrae.

Upcoming events were presented; The Los Altos Historical Society's Antique Faire and Open House will be June 12 at a lovely spot under the trees. Our Summer Concert Series starts June 19th and Victorian Days in The Park in San Mateo will be held in August. Since we now have a sunshade, the day should be pleasant.

Jim Mc Laughlin asked about the property when they move back the building for the underpass. If that is city property perhaps the BHS and Chamber of Commerce might use it. Tom said it needs a stronger revenue base and the people in the building must be paid to compensate for the loss of business. There is also a problem of the Emmett House being affected by the underpass.

Tom presented an 1859 Gazette about the new store in Belmont, next to the Belmont Hotel.

A photo book compiled by Denny was presented.
Tom read a letter from Ralston School staff thanking us for the inservice program for 40 teachers presented by Dr. Boyling and Caroline Fisher.

Caroline Fisher introduced Virginia Ross Geller, San Mateo County Librarian for 24 years until 1974, who presented the History of the County Library System in California, including San Mateo County and a brief history of the Belmont Library.

The meeting was adjourned before the talk .

The next meeting will be September 10, 1994 at 9:00 am. in The History Room Annex.

Respectfully submitted ,
Hally Rogers, Secretary.

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