General Membership Meeting  
8/14/18  
Museum of Social Justice, El Pueblo Historical Monument, Los Angeles

Museum of Social Justice director Jennifer Gutierrez provided a brief overview of the meeting space including the current exhibit.

Mallory announced the members of the new Executive Committee:
- Sue Luftschein - Continuing as Archives Bazaar Lead
- Jessica Hough - Continuing as Exhibits Lead
- Jessica Gambling - Publicity and Outreach Lead
- Kelsey Knox and Phyllis Hansen - sharing the role of Membership and Nominating lead
- Liza Posas - Continuing as LAAS Coordinator
- Alexis Adkins - Secretary
- Mallory Furnier - Continuing as Chairperson

Archives Bazaar Update
- Will be held at USC’s Doheny Library on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 9am-5pm
- There may be construction in the Doheny Library in October so exhibitors have been cut from 90 to 76.
- Programs include:
  - LAPNet Audiovisual Preservation Workshop
  - Researching LA 101 with Lisa Crane
  - All the Saints Project with Jim Michael
  - Curated California Panel including Boom Journal
  - Teaching California Panel with the California Historical Society
  - Screening of clips from the documentary “American Hotel” and a Q & A with the director
  - Panel on “Lost LA” a collaboration between USC and KCET. The video series is now in its third season
- Reception for exhibitors

Grants Update
- We have received an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) “Pitch An Idea” grant through the California State Library to
  - create a centralized digital platform for members to share digital materials. The platform will be a step up from the LAAS directory.
  - Giao Baker will serve as co-Principal Investigator
  - It is a one-year initiative with two goals: 1) Assessment of cultural history institutions, what collections they have, and what they want from a digital platform. 2) Communicate the results of the assessment with USC’s IT team
A community archives specialist will be hired through USC to coordinate the project.

Still waiting to hear if we IMLS grant for Resident Archivist Program 2.0. Should know late August/early September.

History Keepers Exhibit Update
- We are taking a break from the exhibit this year. It is usually held August-September.
- Instead we are offering a workshop series on exhibit-related tasks
  - Date is almost set for “On the Road” workshop on packing items for transport
  - Another workshop with a registrar is in the works

25th Anniversary Update
- Ideas were contributed at the LAAS General Membership Meeting on 4/17/18 held at the Santa Monica Public Library
- Mallory passed around cards for everyone to fill out:
  - Green card - “What do you wish the public knew about your collections?”
  - Purple card - “What should be included in the LAAS 25th Anniversary Logo?”
    - Logo will be designed by USC’s Programming Department
  - Report on the contents of the cards will come out after Ad Hoc Anniversary Committee meets
- Anniversary programming ideas:
  - Outreach campaign
  - Regional programming across the city with satellite programming to coincide
  - Programming should have a lasting impact

Announcements from Meeting Attendees
- USC Digital Library has new collections online
- On 10/27 a new “end of the trail” sign will be installed on the Old Spanish Trail
- On 9/27 San Fernando Historical Society will dedicate a new El Camino Real bell at Pico Adobe in Mission Hills
- CSUN has acquired a recording of Malcolm X speaking
- 9/8 Centinela Valley Historical Society is having a fiesta
- CSUN has a new exhibit on women’s suffrage and civic engagement in Los Angeles
- Liza is on the Local Arrangement committee for the Society of California Archivists conference in Long Beach, spring 2019

Guest Speaker: Chris Espinosa, General Manager of El Pueblo Historical Monument
- Projects in development:
- Improving historic Merced Theater and Masonic Hall as headquarters for channel 35 public access television
- Metro station at Alameda Esplinade at Union Station
- La Plaza Village housing and commercial development
- Homeless shelter - bridge program to help people transition to permanent housing
- Updating their General Plan to hopefully attain national landmark status
- Come see free theater at Downtown Repetory
- On Sat 8/25 they will celebrate the birthday of the city of Los Angeles with a historic walk from the San Gabriel Mission to the Plaza
- La Tranquila Gallery has been rented out -- History Keepers will need a new venue in the future.
- History of water in LA exhibit in Hamill Building next to Italian Hall. It will eventually replace the Avila Adobe as the exhibit space for the El Pueblo monument
- El Pueblo has archival collections. They are stored in a 20,000 square foot warehouse near Cal State LA. Materials include artifacts, furniture, and archaeological discoveries.

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