

FAIR OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

General Meeting, April 24, 2018

Minutes

- Meeting called to order (6:15 pm) by President Jim Pearce.
- Members were welcomed and new members, guests and presenters were recognized, as well as the evening's buffet organizers Warren and Judy Blomquist (Terri O'Donnell).
- Announcements were made:
 - Sign up sheet for Memorial Day cookies (Lois Frazier) on May 26 at 10:00. It was noted that this will be the 20th year of this activity.
 - It's My Park Day (Carol Crowther) sign-up sheet online or "show up" on May 12.
 - Soup Night update (Claudia Thorne) – Trude Vasquez will work with student volunteers and tickets will go on sale at July meeting.
 - Last call to buy raffle tickets for evening.
- Dinner served.
- Program was introduced by President Jim Pearce, with a short history of the background of the Fair Oaks pipe organ and notation that Donald Raymond Myers, who was instrumental in moving the organ to the club house, was a self-taught organist.
- Greg DeSantos and Randy Warwick of the American Theatre Organ Society presented the evening's program.
 - Relayed the development of organ use in theatres before sound movies developed.
 - Noted the organ (wind blown pipes – no speakers) was built in 1940 and went to Cal Expo for six years in 1972.
 - In 1981 organ moved to Fair Oaks Park District; discussed how district incorporates organ in Fair Oak activities.
 - Provided samples of how organ is used to duplicate other instruments.
 - Played samples of songs from 1920-1950 that were composed for organs.
 - Provided sample of organ use in silent movies.

-Noted there are only two other such organs in the area (one at Grant High School).

-Concluded presentation with the playing of "Climb Every Mountain."

-Members were invited to go on stage and more closely examine the pipe organ arrangement.

- Further announcements were made by Jim Pearce (officers and committee chairs).
- Business items (Ron Lundgren for Frank Wolfe).

-Minutes were approved by executive committee and are posted on the website (Jim Pearce for Pat Neufeld).

-Treasurer's Report (in newsletter and on tables – Bob Vogel).

- Announcement of next meetings:

-Next General Meeting: Tuesday, July 24, 6:00 pm, FO Community Center

-Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 27, 2:30 pm, History Center

- General Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm by Jim Pearce.