

Mar Vista Historical Society

Minutes for Thursday, May 12th, 2005

Attendance: Hal and Cicely Golden, Marie Wallace, Linda Guagliano, Glen and Nancy Howell. Nadine Gallegos

Hosted by: Hal and Cicely Golden

Presiding: Marie Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 7:20. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The purpose of having this meeting earlier than the usual 3rd Thursday of the month was to finalize the plans and publicity for the talk to be given by Glen Howell on June 15th at 6:30 at the Venice Library. Marie Wallace presented a flyer giving the information on this program which is sponsored by the Mar Vista Historical Society. The flyer was unanimously approved after a brief discussion of the title "Why is no one drinking Mar Vista water today?" Nancy Howell agreed to get 500 copies to be distributed. Distribution will begin on June 1st.

Members of the historical society will distribute flyers to local libraries: Mar Vista Library, Linda G., Rancho Park Library, Marie, Julian Dixon Library - Linda G., Venice Library, Linda G.. Marie agreed to Email a flyer as an attachment to other historical societies as well as to all persons who have attended the Mar Vista historical society in the past. Everyone was encouraged to place flyers at other places of interest such as Sam Johnson's Book store, B&B hardware and Whole Foods etc. Nancy will give flyers to Tom Ponton to be distributed at the Mar Vista Community Council.

Glen will write a press release to be given to Nadine Gallegos. Nadine arrived late and agreed to provide publicity to the Argonaut and the Mirror. Evelyn Dravecky also agreed at the last meeting to assist in publicity. She will be contacted by Nadine. All information regarding this event will be posted on the Mar Vista Historical Society Web site. Marie Wallace agreed to introduce Glen and make a statement regarding the Mar Vista Historical Society. Glen will provide a biography. It was decided that a paper would be placed on a table next to the door giving people an opportunity to sign in and become active in the MVHS. Marie agreed to purchase cookies to be served. Marie has collected a small fund from the historical society members in order to cover expenses.

Glen gave a brief talk on an oral history found on the internet by Linda Wallace. The person interviewed is Clifford Bourland, a 1948 Olympian Gold Medal winner from Mar Vista. Clifford won a varsity letter in tennis at Venice High School. He also broke the Venice High School record, running a quarter mile in 49.1 seconds which is still a school record. He later won a gold medal for the 400 meter relay at the 1948 Olympic Games in London.

The next meeting will be held at the Golden's on Thursday, June 23rd at 7p.m. Again the meeting will not be the 3rd Thursday of the month since this would be the day after Glen's talk at the Library.

Nancy Howell