

CAHS Committee meeting

Saturday 12th September 2015 at 12pm, Emperors Gardens, Haymarket.

Attended: King Fong, Anna Lee, Kerry Choi, Michael Williams.

Apologies: Helen Dunstan, Clifford To, Agnes Cheung

Minutes of previous meeting – accepted Kerry/Anna

Agenda:

- Business arising
 - Bank account: King Fong arranged with ANZ bank to have signatories changed. Raymond Ho & Clifford To removed. Signatories are now King Fong, Agnes Cheung, Anna Lee. Also all account fees are now waived.
 - Quarantine Station: Anna reports that four bookings have been made so far. Both CWA & CHAA will advertise in their newsletters. **Decided the cost charge will be \$20 per person and \$15 for members. CAHS will pay for the bus at \$50.**
 - Family History: No event this year. Kate Bagnall likely to be too busy in future. **Proposed to call for expressions of interest to form a Family History group.** Ancestry software not able to handle Chinese names. Some alternatives available according to Kerry.
 - Proposals to City Council for Feb 6th – Feb 21st Chinese New Year activities. **Poon Choy – King Fong to notify by end of October. Agreed date Sunday Feb 21st at Hingara. Cost to be worked out. Guest speakers – Anna, Clifford, King.**

- **Donations** share for CAHS: King reported that a Chinatown restaurant – Lady Iron Chef, a Hainan Chicken restaurant is raising money for various charities. CAHS to be on the list – one of three. Ongoing collection and distributed every three months. **Brochures to be left out.**

- **Chinese novel** translation publication – bi-lingual publication. Michael reported that the Chinese Museum, Victoria has agreed to jointly publish the novel 'Poison of Polygamy'. Funding to be obtained through donations

targeting Chinese language newspapers and through a cloud funding campaign to begin with the Chinese New Year. One funding grant has been applied for through Creative Partnerships but this is not likely as our budget has been in the red the last two years. Professor John Fitzgerald has offered to assist with a media story when we are ready.

- **Book of the Century** – David Lung: There is a question of credibility regarding the content of this project. No endorsement by CAHS at this stage – King Fong and Michael co-operating as individuals only.
- Other business:
 - **Lectures for next year:** Proposed that a lecture be given every second month on third Saturday after the New Year Poon Choy
 - April 16th – Dictation Test (Michael)
 - June 18th– Amoy labourers (Peter Gibson)
 - August 20th – Family History (Peter/Kate?)
 - Sept – History Week (theme?) – King Fong Chinatown walking tour.
 - Nov 19th – Ethereal Gold seizures (Michael)
- AGM for purposes of catching up to be held at time of the Poon Choy
- **Next meeting – Sat 14th Nov – 10:30am at 82 Enmore Rd Newtown.**



CAHS Committee meeting

Saturday 14th November 2015 at 10am, 82 Enmore Rd.

Attended: King Fong, Anna Lee, Michael Williams, Helen Dunstan,
Apologies: Kerry Choi, Clifford To, Agnes Cheung

Minutes of previous meeting – accepted King/Anna

Agenda:

- Business arising
 - Quarantine Station – bookings – over 15 bookings, not all paid yet.
Anna to confirm with Helen at Quarantine Station. Thanks to Helen Dunstan for organising the tour.

- Family History – **Kerry** investigating options. Kate Bagnall is likely too busy to participate.
 - Poon Choy Chinese New Year proposals into City Council – King has submitted to City Council. Budget - \$28pp, 10 people tables. Sunday - 11:30 to 2pm. **King** to bring portable microphone. **Anna** to send Michael some pictures of last Poon Choy for advertising. Michael cannot attend as he will be in Shanghai.
 - AGM –early 2015 – Need to catch up on legal paperwork. Must give 30 days notice to members. **Anna** to talk to Agnes. Perhaps before Poon Choy at Jan meeting.
- Donations share – Lady Iron Chef restaurant – King reported not yet established. Owner negotiating with other organisations to receive donations.
 - Chinese novel translation publication – Chinese Museum, Victoria to co-publish. Possible general submission for publications support to Lawrence Chan – Publications Manager of Dr Chow. Xiangmo Huang also a possible source of support.
 - 2016 lectures – Every second month on third Saturday:
 - April 16th – Dictation Test (Michael)
 - June 18th – Bathurst Chinese (Juanita Kwok)
 - August 20th – Cabinet Makers (Peter Gibson)
 - Family History Week – Kerry Choi?
 - Sept – History Week (Neighbours)
 - Clans/districts – King Fong to ask Clan leaders talk – translations.
 - November 19th – Peter Hobbins?
 - Michael also to give presentation to CWA in Feb.
 - Other business – Website and FB Group progressing well
 - **Next meeting – Sat 16th Jan – New Year lunch & AGM.**

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CAHS Committee meeting

Saturday 14th Jan 2016 at 10:30pm, 82 Enmore Rd Newtown.

Begun: 2:50pm

Apologies: King Fong

Minutes of previous meeting

Approved: Kerry and Helen

Agenda:

- Business arising
 - Quarantine Station – small loss \$50
 - Poon Choy arrangements – pre-pay, underbook. Raffle – Mei-fen’s book or wine? Check with King. Anna to present on Chinese cuisine.
 - 2016 lecture series – costs \$15/\$10, Mitchell Theatre
 - Chinese novel translation publication - report

- Other business

CWA – newsletter advertising 88 objects

CAHS – to be monthly

- Next meeting – Saturday March 19th, 10:30am – Enmore

Ended: 3:30pm



CAHS Committee meeting

Saturday 20th March 2016 at 1:30pm, 82 Enmore Rd Newtown.

Begun: 1:35pm

Present: Kerry, Anna, Agnes, Clifford, King, Michael

Apologies: Helen

Minutes of previous meeting

Approved: Kerry and Anna

Agenda:

- Business arising
 - Poon Choy cancellation – report to City Council by King. Anna returned deposits.
 - 2016 lecture April 16th arrangements

- Anna cannot attend on April 16th.

Refreshments to be organised by Kerry and possibly Hong Man

Collecting money to be done by King Fong

- Letter of support for book to Member for Barton. For proposed book on Chinese-Australian history. Approved Kerry and King

- Rookwood Cemetery Chinese exhumations

Letter to Cemetery Trust requesting book be placed in State Library, failing that, full digitalisation. Michael to draft for King Fong to sign. Approved Anna and Kerry

- Council request – Canterbury in September.

Michael to attend and talk of DT if date does not clash with CAHS History week activity.

CAHS to propose Clans organisation plus Masonic Society for history week. King to arrange.

- Request for information on Cookbooks – CWA? None seem to have been produced.

- Other business

Treasurers Report

P.O. Box - \$289

Insurance - \$352 plus \$147.50

Bank Acct \$1193.74

After other payments – only \$100 left.

Need \$1000 a year.

Approved Michael and Anna

- Next meeting

Saturday May 14th 11 am

To discuss members fees, donations and next AGM date.

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CAHS Committee meeting

Saturday 14th May 2016 at 10:30am, 82 Enmore Rd Newtown.

Present: Anna, King, Kerry, Michael, Clifford and Agnes. Apologizes: Helen

Agenda:

Minutes of previous meeting – Kerry & King

Business arising

- Dictation Test presentation April – King provided attendance list. New members added to mailing list by Agnes.
- Letter re: Rookwood Cemetery Chinese exhumations register – **King to send letter soon.**
- History Week – Chinatown clan walk focusing on Dixon St as Masons will not open their secret room. King and Michael to talk. Tuesday Sept 6th

with a charge of \$10/\$15 – join on the day. 11am for 1.5hours. **Michael to register event with History Week.**

- Appeal for donations – plan of action
 - Appeal for donations, membership, and life members to be made via newsletter and FB. Emphasise that all fees will need to go up.
 - Need for more gap between members fee and non-members.
 - Restaurant donation does not seem to be progressing.
- Treasurers Report
 - Agnes developed a new receipt and proof of membership – email only to eliminate postage costs.
 - April - \$859 in account. \$550 from Dictation Test presentation.
Rent of room \$170. Membership RAHS \$100
- 2016 lecture June 18th arrangements
 - **Anna to arrange refreshments**
 - Publicity could be more exciting. **Michael to contact Juanita**
 - Announce the formation of a Family History Group after the presentation. **Kerry to co-ordinate**
- Family research – need to form a group. Ideas to be solicited from members and whether online only.
- AGM – to be arranged for November 19th.
- New research projects:
 - Michael informed the committee of a number of new projects that may be of benefit to the CAHS in the future. Mingming Feng has launched an Internet based magazine called Up South and is looking for content on Chinese-Australian history. The magazine is

aimed at readers in China and is based on Medium and WeChat.

Mingming will translate some of our content and allow us to use the Chinese translations on our site.

- Two other projects are a new book in Chinese-Australian history funded by the Australia China Relations Institute based at UTS & a 'heritage corridors' project by Western Sydney University focusing on Zhongshan people.
- Michael also suggested he might run a Chinese-Australian history course over 8 weeks in 2017. Angus suggested a re-run of the Elizabeth Sinn seminar of 2010 might be more financially viable – sponsorship, invited speaker and publicity.

Next meeting – Saturday July 23rd 11am at 82 Enmore Rd Newtown

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CAHS Committee meeting

Saturday 23rd July 2016 at 11am, 82 Enmore Rd Newtown.

Present: Michael, King, Anna, Kerry

Apologies: Helen, Agnes, Clifford

Agenda:

Minutes of previous meeting – King & Kerry

Business arising

- May presentation – Beachams of Bathurst – Juanita did well. King presented attendance and fees. \$865 collected in total.

- Membership list – chart with email address to be made up:

Michael to give to King

- History Week – Clans/KMT - Tuesday Sept 6th Advertising in History Week website. Two hours 11am to 1am, meet at cnr of Dixon and Hay St. **Bookings with King Fong**, flat walking. \$10/15. \$100 paid.
- Appeal for donations & memberships – some renewals and life members.
 - Selia Tan to be sponsored on Kaiping/Hoping heritage. Need corporate sponsors. English and Cantonese sessions – Powerhouse and Haymarket. **King to draw up list of possible sponsors.**
- 2016 lecture August arrangements – as per usual
- AGM – leave to Sept
- Family History Group – Kerry some 10 responses. Free rooms available at State Library for 8 people or less. Alternative is SMA. Dawn Wong does family history work. October Saturday 15th 2-4pm – State Library – **Kerry to book.**
- Treasurers Report – Agnes sent an estimate - \$1500 in bank.
- Program for 2017 – Selia Tan possibly in May. Poon Choy for CNY – Anna need to negotiate with a restaurant and use a good picture. Family History Week – August 2017, Archives tour? Also presentations? – Talks?
- CNY 2017 – Poon Choy Jan 28th to Feb? Sept 30th deadline.
- ‘Why Documentaries’ Sandra Pires – **King Fong to meet. Friday 29th 2pm**
- Oral history project – need for.
- Ned to think about new members for the committee. Agnes to resign at AGM. Michael maybe not be here in November for AGM.

Next meeting Saturday September 17th, 11am.

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CAHS Committee meeting

Saturday Oct 2nd, 2016 at 11am, 82 Enmore Rd Newtown.

Present: Michael, King, Anna, Kerry, Agnes, Clifford

Apologies: Helen

Agenda:

- ◆ Minutes of previous meeting – moved Kerry, King
- ◆ Business arising
 - Chinatown Walk - Clans/KMT – \$290 taken, including one life member. Over 25 people attended.
 - Family History Group – School of Mechanics. Begin advertising. Kerry to think about format, Victorian group model. Possible FB Group? More interest in face to face. Long term venue? Anna to bring afternoon tea. Possible subsidy for rooms.
- ◆ Treasurers Report - Agnes present her resignation as treasurer effective at the Nov AGM. Kerry to take over as treasurer.
 - Current - \$2,860 less \$735.62 = \$2,114.72
 - Expenses = memberships, rent SMSA, refund life member. \$1,000 per year needed.
 - Many life members
 - Need to provide a gift – chocolates, KMT book

- ◆ AGM planning – Agenda, Membership survey, projects. Notice.
 - Kerry to help with tea (Anna away)
 - Suggestions: Dawn Wong, Malcolm Oakes, Susan Leung, Ming Ming Fong. King Fong to look over.
 - Put current events on homepage – banner?
 - Next Year – Family History
 - King Fong – 5 year overview. Future suggestions, thanks to helpers
 - General meeting to follow

- ◆ Program for 2017
 - Chinese New Year – 30th September deadline - Poon Choy?
 - Kingara – will not do Poon Choy
 - East Ocean – 20 minimum
 - Angus/King/Kerry to explore options
 - Missed the CNY booklet
 - Selia Tan invitation possibly in May.
 - WSU invite. History Week – Sept/Oct?
 - Sponsorship - \$3,000? Sze Yap Society – King to ask
 - Powerhouse/Labor Council
 - Family History Week – August 2017, Archives tour?
 - Presentations possibilities: Peter Hack (Shanghai Dept Stores), Barry McGowan, Elizabeth Sinn, Lai Chikong, Janis Wilton, Shirley Fitzgerald.
 - Chinese history course – 6 weeks? Min 10 in small room. Do the numbers.
 - Projects: Oral history by phone, translations, photo scanning

- Proposal for CWA – WSU/NLA funding?
- ◆ ‘Why Documentaries’ Sandra Pires – focus group. King to organise meeting with Clan groups.
- ◆ Participation in Dragon Tales 2017 – Rookwood Cemetery Tour. Two this year?
- ◆ *Poison of Polygamy* - \$15,000 grant. Fund raising.
- ◆ Bew Chip translation – Zhongshan Society, Heritage.
- ◆ Next meeting

