



Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation

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2019 - A Year in Review

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The Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation was founded in 2012 and dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and development of Sutter Creek's historic and cultural assets both now and for the future generations. The Foundation Board of Directors recognizes that the future success of the Foundation depends upon continued public support and that it is accountable to the membership and donors to keep them informed of the Foundation's accomplishments, plans, and business.

The Foundation Board of Directors updated the Governing Bylaws in order to permit the Foundation to address a wider range of community service projects and needs, such as scholarships and Scout projects. This change was made in recognition of the fact that our unique, fragile community lifestyle is a historical asset which must be actively protected if it is to be preserved.

After completion of Miner's Bend Park in 2016, the Foundation turned its attention to the Historic Sutter Creek Grammar School.



The major physical projects for 2019 continued to be directed at restoration of the Historic Sutter Creek Grammar School and creation of the Museum (located at the Historic Grammar School). Approximately \$25,000 was raised and expended on major improvements to the school which includes the following:

Completion of the Warming Kitchen



Updated Restroom Facilities

Restoration of Windows (ongoing)



Updating Interior Finishes

Additional improvements included window coverings, installing new security and fire safety systems, replacement of all door hardware to permit maximum room capacity, repair of original artwork, and completion of painting Room 2. Funds are being set aside annually to address major future expenses such as exterior masonry repairs, painting, and the need for an upgraded HVAC system.

The museum room has acquired a number of unique assets which are in the process of being developed into displays. A class reunion and open house will be scheduled to showcase the progress in the museum.



In addition to these physical projects, the Foundation has improved our communication with the membership through a monthly Newsletter intended to keep the membership informed of Foundation activities as well as to provide interesting historical facts and stories.

Funding was derived primarily from the Shrimp Feed (\$10,500), membership fees and donations (\$10,000), and Giving Tuesday

(\$11,000). These three sources are projected to remain our primary source of income for 2020.

2020 - Annual Work Plan

During 2020, SCCBF will organize the following fund raising and stewardship events:

- An all-you-can eat Shrimp Feed in cooperation with the Native Sons of the Golden West Parlor #17
- Class Reunion/Open House
- Membership renewal in November, and
- Participation in Giving Tuesday

Work will continue on the Museum such as:

- Upgrading and improving exhibits
- Expanding the number of exhibits
- Archiving items loaned or donated
- Digitally filming or recording oral histories, and
- Establishing rotating exhibits

New this year, the Foundation will be developing and participating in a high school scholarship program coordinated through the Amador Community Foundation.

Whether it's a love of our heritage, a special connection to our town's diverse, deeply rooted cultures, or a desire to improve your community, every donor's passion for Sutter Creek is unique. A gift to Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation is the perfect way to fund your passion and watch it prosper. By connecting people who care with causes that matter, we help ensure a stronger, healthier tomorrow. We provide a simple, powerful and highly personal approach to giving. (Donations to SCCBF are received through the Amador Community Benefit Foundation.)
