

Almaden Senior Association Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2013

Marilyn Entin, President of the Almaden Senior Association, called the meeting to order at 9:45 am

*Meeting attendees recorded from sign in sheet. Marilyn Entin, Cathy Marshall, Venus Phillips, Johnny Khamis, Rayshelle Brant, Stephen Mellors, Chickie Nemeth, Beverly Temkin, Betty McGowan, Arden Weiner, Vince Tarpey, Bill Hubka, Jack Campbell, Marlene Duffin, Marge Marble, Kermit Olsen, Brian Hames, Kieran Kelly, Pat Eagan, Richard Clarke, Robert Braunstein, Susie Lee, Linda Spencer, Erin Barclay

*Minutes from the November 6, 2013, were distributed, read and approved with corrections.

Bill Hubka distributed his Treasurer report.

*Growth in membership income due to the 2014 membership renewals.

*Thanksgiving dinner event very successful, both financially and attendees satisfaction

*Revenue from the Coffee Pig seems to be in decline. Coffee continues to be a loss for us. YTD approx. \$2K in arrears. Consider announcements in the monthly brochure, morning exercise classes and the Reader Board.

*Trips continue to be modestly profitable; Board discussing ways to give back surplus to frequent trip takers.

*In compliance with the IRS regulation, our association is required to close our books on December 31, 2013.

*Request all expense vouchers turned in no later than noon on 12/20/2013.

*Request for at least two volunteers to audit 2013 books and report their finding in the March 2014 meeting.

*M/S/A Onetime donation of \$1K towards the Almaden Beautification Project kicking off in spring 2014.

*Acknowledgement donation of \$200. received from the Knit and Crochet group.

*No questions or other comments on the distributed financial statements.

Guest Reports:

Senior Citizen Commissioner Vince Tarpey

*The committee met 11/12/2013. Senior Nutrition RFP bid closure is 1/30/2104. Over 470 completed surveys received regarding the current lunch provider (Bateman). One outcome was the donation box for the daily lunches changed to a disguised black box so the amount of the donation cannot be observed. Donations are encouraged but not key to the retention of the nutrition program.

*Seniors' Agenda Network Summit scheduled 1/29/2014 from 8:30-11:30, discussions on housing and transportation needs. Contact person is Diana Miller 408-755-7695. The City now has 12 people trained as senior resource advocates.

*Requested the PRNS department better publicize the "scholarship" program which allows seniors to take certain classes or programs at reduced cost.

*Next quarterly meeting will be 3/13/2014 at City Hall.

Councilmember Johnny Khamis

* Almaden Beautification Project-Working with the County and non-profit organization, Our City Forest, to plant 170 trees and fix the sprinkler system to provide adequate water for the trees. The estimated cost from the City for this project was in the neighborhood of \$550K vs. the cost from Our City Trees is \$50K. Our City Trees has a 501 C3.

*Police Union accepted the contract, 10% raise over 2 ½ years, it's a necessary step to keep our police department competitive with others in the Bay Area. Rules Committee discussing today to add to the Council Agenda that police recruits pay for their training if they don't stay with San Jose Police for a predefined time.

*PACE- A program where homeowners may improve the efficiency of their homes with a loan attached to their property tax bill. Program will be run by the interest collected from the loans.

*Concern use of illegal fireworks in neighborhoods- Looking for ways to prevent the illegal use while still providing the community with fun alternatives. Quick survey on councilmember's Facebook page asking for thoughts on possibility of fireworks shows presented by permitted professionals at Almaden Lake Park.

* Alternatives to direct water at Almaden Lake- Another plan submitted for the Almaden Lake to the water district. The latest proposal channels the water better and preserves the lake integrity.

*Wild pigs-no further complaints. Temporary ordinance allowing licensed trappers to trap and euthanize the pigs in effect until beginning of 2/2014.

Assistant to Councilmember Rayshelle Brandt

*First annual District 10 Holiday Celebration and Toys for Tots on Saturday 12/14/2013 from 5-10 pm. A section of Blairburry Way will be closed for the block party. There is a nationally recognized light display of one of the homeowners, hot chocolate, candy canes, and activities for the whole family including arrival of Santa.

Senior Specialist Brian Hames

*2013 membership count-1932

*November's Thanksgiving dinner a great success. Amazing donations obtained for the raffle. Volunteers serving were Kieran Kelly and Assemblyman Stone. Councilmember Khamis freed up his schedule and attended too.

*12/12 Rotary lunch-Richard Clark from Almaden Valley Rotary said there will be a children's choir singing Christmas carols, and raffle of gift and gas cards etc. Rotary/YMCA will be cooking and cleaning up. Transportation available for isolated seniors etc. needing a ride.

*12/12-North Pole Party- Preschool age Santa makes a visit and arts and crafts.

*12/14-Breakfast with Santa-all generational event. Almaden Women's Club helping to cook French Toast breakfast. Arts and crafts, pictures and Santa make a visit.

*12/19-Holiday Sing Along- Free event. Holiday desserts and beverages will be provided. Lemon Curd and Chocolate Tuxedo cakes will be for sale \$6. for four portions.

*Toy Drive in the lobby outside of the community room. Leland School Key Club also doing Toys for Tots drive asking for unwrapped toys.

*Encourage folks to enroll for 2014. Folks enrolling in December for 2014 can attend the 12/19 free Sing Along

*Holiday closures: See December Brochure for the various dates and associated times.

Member Reports:

*Marilyn Entin-upcoming meeting to review by-laws with committee Marlene Duffin and Marge Marble

*Bill Hubka-District 10 Leadership Coalition Group formed by Councilmember Khamis that consists of HOA associations and other associations in District 10. Meets every other month on a Saturday in the Center. New website www.D10-Leadership.org Meeting agendas and material will be captured in this website for reference. Working with our web person to create a hot link for our site to leadership's. Looking for a full-time alternate person to attend the coalition group meetings.

*Arden Weiner-January Soup Party 1/22/2014 Wednesday 1:00 pm \$5. 5-6 different soups and French bread

*Angela Cefali- Trips-12/09/13 S.F. Union Square Shopping, 1/17/14 Cache Creek Casino, 2/14 Equestrian Center.

*Erin Barclay introduced slate of officers for 2014-15. M/S/A Member unanimously elected Marilyn Entin President, Marlene Duffin and Ralph Butterworth Co-Vice Presidents, Marge Marble Secretary.

*Marilyn Entin for Don House-Current session for 2013 winding down with 198 seats full. Schedule of classes for the first session of 2014 will be discussed in Friday's Council meeting. 2014 calendar will go to four sessions vs. five. Considering purchasing a new computer which will determine when Windows 8 will be taught. The next SeniorNet registration will be Saturday 1/4/14.

*Linda Spencer for Nancy Koppel-Friends of the Library – Book sale brought in \$4,683. Next sale will be 5/03/2014

Open Discussion/Announcements (relevant to the Senior Association)

*Robert Braunstein-Member of the Democrats Club proposing our organization partner with them for a Candidates Forum for the upcoming Mayor race. Campaign officially starts this week. His production company would video and load on uTube. The Almaden Seniors Board will take into discussion. Comment made that Alternative would be League of Women Voters who put on a forum. Linda Spencer will participate with Hubka and Duffin in discussing this topic.

*Arden Weiner will be mindful of purchasing stamps prior to 1/1/2014.

*Morning Stretch class hire a substitute/back up person for instructing classes.

*Future meetings bring in a microphone so speakers may be heard more clearly.

Adjournment

Submitted by Cathy Michelin, acting Secretary