

ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION MEETING
January 08, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Almaden Senior Association was called to order at 9:46 am by President, Marilyn Entin. In attendance were Co-Vice President Marlene Duffin, Co-Vice President Ralph Butterworth, Secretary Margery Marble, Treasurer Bill Hubka, Senior Specialist Brian Hames, Assistant to Councilmember Rayshelle Brant. Members: Chickie Nemeth, Gordon Alliano, Doreen Morgan, Venus Phillips, Pat Eagan, Don House, Beverly Temkin, Angela Cefali, Erin Barclay, Jean Jensen, Pat Perkins, Mike Donohoe, Betty McGowan, Linda Spencer, Sally A. Sargent, and Gilbert Garcia.

Introduction by the President of 2014-2015 elected officers and appointees. Marilyn Entin reelected for second term as President; Ralph Butterworth, first term as Co-Vice President; Marlene Duffin, Co-Vice President; Bill Hubka, second year of term as Treasurer; Marge Marble, appointed as Secretary for 2014 to finish the term. Appointees as advisors: Don House, Bev Temkin, and Erin Barclay, who switched from vice president to advisor.

The minutes of the December 04, 2013, meeting were distributed, read, and approved.

TREASURER – BILL HUBKA:

The December 2013 treasurer's report was distributed and discussed. (attached) Growth in membership income. Good participation in trips and Thanksgiving dinner. Expense for postage stamps of \$9,982 anticipating Post Office raising rates, and to reduce our bank balance for an advantage in income tax reporting. Losses in bingo and coffee continue.

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSIONER – VINCE TARPEY:

- Not present at meeting.

GUEST REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER – JOHNNY KHAMIS

- Not present at meeting.

ASSISTANT TO COUNCILMEMBER – RAYSHELLE BRANT

- **San Jose Budget:** On 1/18/14, Budget Priority-setting session at City Hall rotunda. Our Association allowed to bring 3 representatives to discuss our priorities. Register online at the City website. Several additional meetings re: City budget by June.
- **State of the City Address:** On Thursday, 2/20/14, from 6:00 to 7:30 at the Convention Center. Will also recognize several volunteer organizations and leaders who have had a great impact on the City.
- **Measure B, Pension Reform:** Was passed by around 70%, and then taken to court by the unions. The decision – out of the 15 components of Measure B, 10 were won by the City. Details will be sent out and will be in their next newsletter on 1/15/14.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – HAL SPANGENBERG:

- Not present at meeting. His report given by Brian Hames.

SENIOR SPECIALIST – BRIAN HAMES:

- **Senior Membership:** As of now, 560 have signed up for 2014 membership. Newsletters mailed today. Online membership not available, probably because of payment method.
- **Parking Lot Striping:** People unavailable over break. Probably will be done two Sundays.
- **New Stage for Community Room:** He is looking at an easy-up, easy-down stage for the Community Room as a replacement for \$8000. Has brochure. Discussion ensued.
- Marilyn requested that Newsletters to be sent out before holidays so people know when classes start in January. Erin asked to include more details, for example, about Soup Party. Also include day of the week as well as date.

MEMBER REPORTS:

- **Marilyn Entin – Auditors Needed:** Need 2 volunteers ASAP to audit our books; professional experience not needed. We give all info to Almaden Advisory Council, who gives to IRS. Takes from an hour to a day. Last year's auditors were thorough and made recommendations that will help this year's auditors. Let her know of anybody.

- **Bill Hubka – Forum for Mayor’s Race:** It was suggested that our Association sponsor a candidates forum in March jointly with the Almaden Valley Community Association. They will be discussing at their meeting 1/13/14. We would meet to arrange time, place, moderator. They want their president to moderate; we want some subject-matter expert. No one from this Association has volunteered as yet. Discussion ensued. Filming that was suggested last month by a Valley Democrats political organization was squelched because of possibility of political bias.
- **Angela Cefali – Senior Trips Report:** Went to Union Square 12/9/13. On 1/17/14 going to Cache Creek. On 2/28/14 to the Sargeant Equestrian Center in Lodi with a tour of the stables, a Clydesdale horse-drawn wagon ride, a barbeque and a visit to the county museum. She requested \$1,147.50 for the bus for the March trip to Ironstone Mountain Winery.
MOTION: It was moved by Bill Hubka and seconded to approve the expenditure of \$1,147.50 for the bus for the Ironstone Mountain Winery trip on 3/21/14. Motion carried.
- **Erin Barclay – Update on Events:** The Annual Winter Soup Party on Wed. 1/22/14, with all local chefs including Arden Weiner, Jack Campbell, RoseMary McDiarmid. 5 soups and French bread for \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. Tickets go on sale Friday, 1/10/14. Advertising posters will go up around the building this week. More formal, the Big Bang Bash on Sat. 2/15/14 at 3:30 p.m. Price not yet set. NY strip steak, roasted vegetables, salad, tiramisu and wine. Per Betty McGowan, chairperson. Sons of Jubal band, 18-piece, Christian-based from several churches. They don’t charge us, but we do put out a hat for any voluntary donations. 180 tickets will be available 2 weeks ahead.
- **Marlene Duffin – Trip Waiver Report:** She checked with several companies about getting day trip insurance, and it became very complicated. She has the information if anyone wants to follow that up. Both companies recommended Participant Waivers. For our December trip she compiled a quick waiver utilizing the Parks & Recreation legal language so we had some coverage because the Almaden Senior Association has liability if so proven for negligence. The second person she spoke with was at the broker for the insurance at the Saratoga Senior Center who referred her to a website of a Nonprofit Insurance Alliance Group out of Santa Cruz. She got a waiver from them and wrote it up for the January trip. (she distributed). It is far more complicated to get trip insurance.
- **Don House – SeniorNet:** Registration was last Saturday. There were 84 proxies and 55-60 people present. 18 different classes, 4 are full; 200 seats filled; last year total was 214. Will not have Windows 8 until between first and second session. Over 80 volunteers; he showed a status chart. (attached)
- **Linda Spencer for Nancy Koppel–Friends of the Library:** Completely moved into their new work room beside the first floor conference room. Larger. Have been deluged with books. Next book sale Sat. May 3 with a second sale first Sat. in November.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Bill Hubka requested a position for an appointed Board advisor liaison to the press. The liaison would also manage a website, and keep it under development, for our agenda, meeting minutes, etc. Don House will mention the request in their SeniorNet meeting.
- Mike Donohoe from the Seniors’ Agenda for Santa Clara County announced a Seniors’ Agenda Network Summit on 1/29/14 at the Social Services Agency Auditorium, 33 West Julian. Topics include housing, volunteering, transportation. He distributed flyers.
- A member asked about the status of getting a microphone to use in our meetings. Per Brian, there is a microphone, but it is not wireless. They will be installing in Room 4 and Room 3 projector screens with two built-in speakers with wireless microphone technology. About \$10,000 per room. Also, the carpets are being replaced in Room 2 and Room 1.
- Marilyn reported exposed wiring in the gym to the right inside the entrance.
- The 2 burst water pipes in December have been repaired.
- Can squares in hall carpeting be removed? Brian will ask.
- Response to member’s inquiry, the lobby Reader Board was updated today.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2014.