

**ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**March 5, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Almaden Senior Association was called to order at 9:45 am by President, Marilyn Entin. In attendance were Co-Vice President Marlene Duffin, Co-Vice President Ralph Butterworth, Secretary Margery Marble, Treasurer Bill Hubka, Recreation Supervisor Hal Spangenberg, Senior Citizens Commissioner Vince Tarpey, Councilmember Johnny Khamis, and Acting Assistant to Councilmember Rayshelle Brant. Members: Chickie Nemeth, Gordon Alliano, Venus Phillips, Pat Eagan, Nancy Koppel, Don House, Stephen Mellors, Erin Barclay, Jack Campbell, Mike Donohoe, Betty McGowan, Mary Ann Bouchard, Patrick A. Bouchard, Gilbert Garcia, Jeanne Sanders, and Cathy Michelin. Absent were Advisor Bev Temkin and Senior Specialist Brian Hames.

The minutes of the February 05, 2014, meeting were distributed, read, and approved as corrected.

**TREASURER – BILL HUBKA:**

The February treasurer's report was distributed and discussed (attached). Revenues exceeded expenses by about \$1800. Will refund \$1300 to Equestrian trip participants -- trip cancelled due to bad weather. Membership dues income is \$13,000 thus far. Big Band Bash expenditures were closely tracked, thus giving an accurate picture. The annual auditors report (attached) of our finances for 2013 was read by Jack Campbell and showed to be in accordance with accepted accounting principles. The City Auditor's Office, Alison McInnis, requested figures of percent-of-whole for income and expenses to compare with all community centers. A member questioned the City's need to know. Johnny Khamis will investigate and report back. A report was given to Maria Gardner for income tax purposes.

**SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSIONER – VINCE TARPEY:**

- The next Commission meeting is Thursday, March 14.
- Only one bid received for the Senior Nutrition Program, so bidding will remain open for several months.
- Two pamphlets, Real Estate Fraud and ID Theft Fraud, were offered so we can phone and get information if interested.

**GUEST REPORTS:**

**COUNCILMEMBER – JOHNNY KHAMIS**

- **Senior Walk at Oakridge Mall:** "Fantastic". There were 300 people; 50 vendors. All the politicians were there.
- **Library Parcel Tax:** A request for continuation of the tax will be on the June ballot. There will be an \$8 million deficit without it.
- **New Police Captain:** Shawny Williams is the new Southern Division Police Captain.
- **Tree Planting:** on Almaden. The Rotary Club is interested in maintaining them.
- **Fires:** Many are caused by clothes driers in garages. Alex Fraser, a former fire captain, is glad to host fire prevention seminars. Johnny's staff will sponsor it here. Fraser also does earthquake seminars.

**ASSISTANT TO COUNCILMEMBER – RAYSHELLE BRANT**

- **Litter Pick Up:** District 10 on Saturday, April 26, 8 am to 1 pm. There will be 200 volunteers and 5 different locations; tools and leadership will be provided. Erin asked about getting some volunteers here to help with grounds cleanup – around outside artwork. Rayshelle said they'd be glad to help us.

**RECREATION SUPERVISOR – HAL SPANGENBERG:**

- **Kitchens:** Deep cleaning was done on both kitchens, and will be repeated at least once a year. The Rental Staff was advised regarding having them kept clean.
- **Projection Screens:** Wiring for installation in Rooms 3 and 4 has begun.
- **Fitness Equipment:** New equipment will be installed in the Fitness Room on Monday, March 31.
- **Pressure Wash:** of concrete in front of the building and surrounding area in front of the sliding glass doors scheduled for next week at nighttime.

## **SENIOR SPECIALIST – BRIAN HAMES: (report by Hal Spangenberg)**

- **Senior Membership:** 1,367 members signed up so far for 2014.
- **Stage Purchase:** An inspection to examine a similar stage is scheduled for March 11. Three members will attend.
- **New Events:** Brian wants suggestions from everyone for new events to put on.
- **Birthdays Listing:** There are no changes to the City's mandate not to publish birthdays in the monthly Newsletter. Some people had said they don't want their birthday published.
- **Maintenance:** Erin asked Hal about yard maintenance in the art area and replacement of the artist's sign. Hal will contact Parks and Rec.

## **MEMBER REPORTS:**

- **Senior Trips Report:** no trip report. March is Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys on March 21 for \$86.
- **Betty McGowan and Bill Hubka – Big Band Bash:** a big success. The band was magnificent. We did lose money – tickets were \$10 for members; \$15 for non-members. A detailed, itemized worksheet of expenses was tabulated and reflects an accurate picture of event costs. No costs were felt to be out of line.
- **Erin Barclay – Update on Events:** St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, March 15 at 3:00 p.m. There will be an Irish instrumentalist and singer. Corned beef; \$10 members, \$15 non-members; tickets at the front desk after today. There is no co-chair yet.
- **Bill Hubka – Mayoral Forum, D10 Leadership Coalition, Reimbursement and Voucher Report:** The Mayors Forum will be here on Thursday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. The moderator has been changed to Dr. Ken Entin. They will start a list of questions about the first of April.  
The D10 Leadership Coalition has two new volunteer representatives from our Senior Association: Cathy Michelin and Jim Kuhl.  
A draft of the Reimbursement and Voucher Procedure was distributed with a request for feedback. A procedure for handling electronic payments will be reported next month.
- **Don House – SeniorNet:** There will be a survey among students by the curriculum committee. Registration for April classes is March 15 in the gym. Class schedules – 500 are emailed; 530 are sent direct mail. SeniorNet membership fee will increase 10% on March 24 to \$44 with \$33 for renewals. There are only 50 centers nationwide now; both San Jose centers are successful.
- **Nancy Koppel - Friends of the Library:** From this morning's ticket sales for the St. Patrick's Day party -- \$980. The book sale will be Saturday, May 3.
- **Marlene Duffin – Bylaws Update:** A draft of the new Bylaws was distributed and additions and changes explained. We will vote at next month's meeting. If there are any questions, ask the committee, whose names are listed at the end of the last page.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Mary Ann Bouchard from the Happy Singers reports they have a ½ hour concert prepared and would like to perform here. Brian Hames will check the calendar and try to fit it in.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

Submitted by  
Margery Marble, Secretary

Approval date: April 2, 2014