

ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION MEETING
September 03, 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 Presidents Marlene Duffin and Ralph Butterworth, Treasurer Bill Hubka, Secretary Margery Marble, Recreation Supervisor Hal Spangenberg, Recreation Specialist Amy Jewett, Councilmember Johnny Khamis, Assistant to Councilmember Rayshelle Edmunds. Members & Visitors: Chickie Nemeth, Gordon Alliano, Doreen Morgan, Venus Phillips, Arden Weiner, Pat Eagan, Nancy Koppel, Don House, Arlene DeMoss, Bev Temkin, Stephen Mellors, Jeanne Sanders, Rich Sanders, Mike Montanari, Betty McGowan, Laura Randall, Art Randall, Mary Sheehan, Ramesh Varshney, Pat Perkins, Erin Barclay, and Joan Jensen.

The minutes of the August 06, 2014, meeting were distributed, read, and approved.

TREASURER – BILL HUBKA:

The August 2014 treasurer's report (copy attached) was distributed and discussed. Income \$845.26; expenses \$955.68. Riso copy machine lease/service contract reinstated. Received \$400 bill for a master ledger and ink, which we have never received before. Hal will look into it. Riso billed \$399 service contract for one year, a change from the current monthly billing.

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSIONER – VINCE TARPEY:

- Not present at the meeting.

GUEST REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER – JOHNNY KHAMIS:

- **Copenhagen Trip:** Knight Foundation sent to Copenhagen to study their bicycle usage and programs -- parks, building design, garbage, low income housing. He will publish report in his Newsletter. He wants to connect Los Alamitos bicycle trail and Guadalupe trail -- five mile. Several corporations will donate some of the money.
- **Soccer Fields:** Along Allen are now open and can be booked by appointment. From a \$4 million donation by private District 10 citizen Patty O'Malley. Fields will be named after her.
- **Sound Wall Painting:** Continues this Sat. at 8:00 a.m. Santa Teresa between Kohl's shopping center and Blossom Avenue with supplies and 5 volunteers from Orchard Supply.
- **Kiwanis** will clean Parma Park on Sat. 9/27 at noon for 2½ hrs. Everyone is welcome.
- **Parcel Tax:** Survey responses re: \$24/yr. parcel tax for Open Space Authority do not equal 67% needed to pass, so he will not endorse it. Does not know yet if such a tax would be senior exempt.
- **ASSISTANT TO COUNCILMEMBER – RAYSHELLE EDMUNDS:**
- Nothing additional to report.

RECREATION SPECIALIST – AMY JEWETT:

- **Senior Membership:** For 2014 -- 1,703 members.
- **Disaster Preparation and Awareness:** Friday, Nov. 7, right after nutrition, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. to be followed by Veterans Day Event.
- **Veterans Day Event:** Friday Nov. 7 mostly organized by Bill Hubka, barbershop quartet, color guard, poem "In Flanders Fields" at 1:30 p.m.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – HAL SPANGENBERG:

- **Rock Program:** After school, 100 kids enrolled here of over 200 city-wide. Also started new preschool program 8/25 through June for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds.
- **Project outside Community Room:** Beautifying the fence has been completed.
- **Sound System in Community Room:** He wants to replace whole 7-yr.-old system rather than repair. Hasn't received quote yet because have to wait for one vendor. The replacement matrix unit is still on order.

- **Harvest Festival:** 8th annual: Sat. Oct. 25 from 10 – 2 p.m. Bake sale, pumpkin patch, haunted hallway. Usually about 3000 people attend.
- **Planning to get new cart and TV** to replace those now in Room 4.

SENIOR RESOURCE DIRECTOR in S.C. CO. for Episcopal Senior Communities – KENNY RAMIREZ:

- Senior Center Without Walls, free programs for homebound seniors to connect with others by phone. Also, Elderwise, a companionship program that pairs a volunteer with a senior twice a month for several hrs. Neither is in Santa Clara Co. now. You can phone the Oakland phone (877) 797-7299 and still participate. His office is in downtown San Jose.
- Also, Resolve, similar to Senior Center Without Walls, but for veterans. Group therapy sessions via free conference phone line.

MEMBER REPORTS:

- **Mary Sheehan – Play:** In Spring. Working on new script. Written and performed by people here. (Many people here at the meeting). Raised a lot of money at past plays.
- **Don House – Trip Committee Meeting:** Held 8/27 in Room 3. About 15 people attended including Pat, Sally, Marilyn and Don. Alicia Niskanen from Kanen Tours presented information on trips they have provided for other Centers and IBM. Mainly day trips; some overnights. Use Royal Coach, West Valley Coach Co., 56-passenger coaches. They do not have contracts; do have a state sellers license and insurance.

In past, Angela worked directly with the coach company, not through a tour company, which takes a commission - about \$500 on the first trip. The committee is trying to get their feet on the ground.

- **Don House – SeniorNet:** Are in last week of current session – 221 seats filled (200 seats is a good session). Mailers sent and put in lobby for next session (9/21 – 11/21) with 18 classes, 5 are new. Only 4 sessions this year vs. 5 sessions past 10 years. Next session a week after Jan. 3. They're working on 2015 calendar. Same calendar as Willow.
- **Don House/Marilyn Entin – Senior Leadership Meeting Report:** Working on 1-year MOU for what happens with our membership fees. Meeting last Thurs. at City Hall; another one tomorrow 9/4 here. Don attended plus representatives from Cypress and 7 Trees (the 3 non-profits). Good rapport with City representatives. "The City" is represented here by Amy and Hal. As of now, City will continue to collect our membership fees, put in a separate account, and send us back, 100%, a check 4 times a year, those times to be decided. Maybe Dec., Jan., Feb., and July.

Advantages to having our funds handled this way: (1) still get senior discount, (2) get a membership card, (3) get better financial tracking and we still can control our expenditures, (4) member gets a receipt showing \$10 paid. Disadvantages: temporarily fees are out of our control, they're sitting in an account, but that acct. is well managed – by Amy and Hal. Seems to be a win-win situation. Still working on the details. If there is an Assoc. member lawyer in contract law, we'd appreciate some help with the legal language in the MOU.

Marilyn – We will probably have to buy liability insurance for our Assoc. because that's one of the issues in the MOU. A blanket insurance to cover any wrongdoing – not very expensive. The Assoc. is a separate entity from the City. Marlene Duffin has info re: insurance for non-profits from her research for the trip waiver. Per Nancy – Friends of the Library in same situation re: insurance. City legal is looking into that for them.

Per Mike Montanari: 5 years ago local district Kiwanis figured they were liable for any decision they made that might harm anyone. After reviewing cases in which people were harmed, they decided to get insurance. Since, internationally there have been challenges, and the insurance covered the liability of the officers. Please take this seriously. You can be sued individually. The cost is reasonable. He will find out the name of their insurance co. and let us know.

- **Erin Barclay – Events:** Mexican Independence Day Fiesta: Tues. 9/16 at 2 p.m. menu prepared by RoseMary McDermid and the kitchen group including Arden Weiner and Erin. Mariachi group; raffle. Tickets on sale Fri. 9/5. \$10 for members; \$15 non-members. Diwali – Festival of the Lights: Indian celebration, 10/17. Ramesh is chairman. Thanksgiving Turkey Luncheon: 11/19, full lunch, entertainment, raffle. Holiday Brunch:

12/11; Bev Temkin, chairperson. No longer having a Rotary lunch in Dec. Looking for ideas for next year June and July. Jan. is soup party by Arden; Feb. Big Band Bash by Betty. Looking for new ideas and new people to help, once a month except Aug. Contact any of these people. Member suggestion: Check with Bateman to be sure they aren't having a turkey lunch on the same day.

- **Bev Temkin – Lunch Group:** Thurs. 9/11 to Cinnabar Hills at 11:30; preselect on menu at front desk. Bev will phone night before with \$ amount, which will include tax and gratuity; they don't give separate checks. You'll have to pay separately for a drink.
- **Marlene Duffin – Senior Trips Report:** Carmel signup registration form in the Sept. Newsletter. The trip committee arranged the Thunder Valley Casino trip, 10/9, with San Jose Charter and coordinated with Bill Hubka. Requests approval for cost of bus \$1,140. **MOTION:** It was moved by Erin Barclay and seconded that \$1,140 be provided for the Thunder Valley Casino trip bus fare on 10/9/14. Motion carried.
- **Nancy Koppel - Friends of the Library:** Pre-holiday mini book sale Mon. 9/8. Cash and checks; books are mostly \$0.50 and \$1.00. Last month lobby book sales \$677; still looking for the lady who took the children's books. Online sales from textbooks \$129.
- **Bill Hubka – Public Relations Person:** Current PR person has health issues and cannot continue. Need replacement to coordinate with newspapers, the events chairpersons, the website person. Contact Bill.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Marilyn Entin: The Handwork for Others group, formerly Knit and Crochet group, will have their annual boutique on Dec. 3.
- Member question for Amy: What's happened with the Sept. Newsletters? Answer: We're waiting on the ink. She will phone the supplier this a.m.
- Member question: Who has the senior nutrition website; their price information is old. He Googled nutrition information for Almaden. Amy will find out.
- Kenny Ramirez will be creating a home-sharing model for S. C. Co. in the next few months.
- If anyone knows the honor guard at the senior lunch a few years ago, advise Bill Hubka.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 4.

Submitted by
Margery Marble, Secretary

Approval date: October 01, 2014