

ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION MEETING
December 3, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Almaden Senior Association was called to order at 9:47 am by Co-Vice President Marlene Duffin. In attendance were Treasurer Bill Hubka, Secretary Margery Marble, Recreation Supervisor Hal Spangenberg, Recreation Specialist Amy Jewett, Senior Citizens Commissioner Vince Tarpey, Councilmember Johnny Khamis, and Council Staff Member Michele Dexter. Members & Visitors: Gordon Alliano, Doreen Morgan, Venus Phillips, Nancy Koppel, Bev Temkin, Jeanne Sanders, Rich Sanders, Betty McGowan, Kermit Olsen, Arthur Randall, Sally Sargent, Miki Gurantz, R. Bellizzi, Don House, Pat Eagan, and Lisa Olsen. Absent were Co-Vice President Ralph Butterworth and Advisor Erin Barclay.

The minutes of the November 5, 2014, meeting were distributed, read, and approved.

TREASURER – BILL HUBKA:

The November 2014 treasurer's report (copy attached) was distributed and discussed. Income \$2,938.11; expenses \$1,697.37. He will have the entire annual report next meeting.

Update of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): meeting 6 weeks ago; no feedback from City attorney yet. Has email from Tracey Gott with a Guidelines draft and a City Council Policy (both of which will require more clarification) to use if we don't sign an MOU. The Board will meet to discuss and formulate questions and reply to City.

NEW PRESIDENT: Marlene announced that the Board of Directors has appointed Bill Hubka as president to complete the current term, through 2015. Marlene volunteered to be on the slate as treasurer for the 2015-2016 term. Ralph Butterworth will remain vice president.

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSIONER – VINCE TARPEY:

- On Dec. 11 Sr. Citizens Commission will meet at City Hall at 1:30 pm. All are invited to attend; you have 3 minutes to talk. Current issue, to control bike riding on sidewalks downtown, was passed by Council; excluded were Santa Clara St., children below 12 yrs. and construction areas. Will review in 6 months.

GUEST REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER – JOHNNY KHAMIS:

- Mon. Dec. 8 at 7 pm meeting sponsored by AVCA at Water District building on Almaden Expwy to discuss Hgwy 85 expansion. VTA plans to reverse the project of adding a 4th HOT (High Occupancy Toll) lane from 101 to 280 back to keeping the current 3 lanes and changing one to a HOT lane. Come to the meeting and express your concerns.
- Toys for Tots Drive – Sat. Dec. 13 at 5:00 pm on 5 Blairburry Way; games, food, band, decorated home. Bring an unwrapped gift for donation.
- Re: Friends of the Library—he slowed down City risk attorney who was asking them to have insurance. He and City attorney will be recrafting so Friends of the Library don't have to pay out of pocket; he asked to have City funds insure them.
- Nancy Pyle, former Councilperson, was working on a sign that said Welcome to Almaden Expwy. Nothing came of it. He has been working with Kiwanis Club, Assistance League, Lions, Rotary and Mike Wasserman of the County and will get a Welcome to Almaden sign, 7 ½ x 8 ft., in the median on 12/19, backlit, solar powered, at Coleman and Almaden Expwy.

ASSISTANT TO COUNCILMEMBER –MICHELLE DEXTER:

- Nothing additional to report.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – HAL SPANGENBERG:

- Is going to a Security meeting today in the Library with a security company because of a pilot program, to begin here in January, to have a guard patrolling the building outside to help with homeless issues, people drinking in the park, sleeping in the dumpster.
- Breakfast with Santa on Sat. 12/13 from 9:30 to 12:00, a family event, pancake breakfast, \$12/person, kids to age 1½ are free.
- North Pole Party on 12/17 for ages 4 to 7 years, 4 to 6 pm, \$20, arts and crafts, Santa, refreshments, a gift given.
- Sound system bid to be back soon. They did patch the system; DVD is working. Hope to have it installed by March or April.
- Question: when alarm goes off, it cuts off public address system. Answer: We have intercoms on phones we can send out a message.
- In response to a concern, the pathway back by the school was repaved.
- Question: many lights in Community Room are out; all are dirty. Answer: Have a work order out on that. Also, broken toilet seat in men's restroom requires repair.

RECREATION SPECIALIST – AMY JEWETT:

- **Senior Membership:** For 2014 -- 1,748 members. For 2015 – 152 members.
- **Stretch Class:** Price is increased to \$30 for members because of 7 additional classes in this session and the next session (Jan. to April and April to June). From \$0.98 per meeting to now \$1.00 per meeting, based on the \$38 non-member price.
- **Bateman Nutrition:** We'll coordinate with County re: their Survey in Dec. to add our questions. Looking at current level of satisfaction with the current catered model. We will be moving forward with the cook-on-site model with the cook from 7 Trees, same type of food, works well with kitchen manager. Survey forms in lunchroom and at the front desk. Follow up survey in May to evaluate satisfaction with the cook-on-site model. If satisfaction is down, will go back to the catered model.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Event:** 60 attendees, Renaissance theme, live music, games

MEMBER REPORTS:

- **Jeanne Sanders – Thanksgiving Dinner Report:** Wed. 11/19 , \$12 members, \$15 non-members. Lisa Olsen co-chair. Bateman was in charge of the menu: turkey, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie; 150 people signed up. Food was served buffet style. The chef wanted one line for service, so it took over 40 min. for everyone to be served; next time need 2 lines. Bateman had to find more plates before everyone was served. Some people missed having dressing and sweet potatoes. A problem making coffee; no one knew how. Dishwashers had trouble starting dishwasher. Bateman and the dishwashers left at 4 pm when job was not completed. In the past our volunteers handled everything efficiently and timely. Lisa was inexperienced in putting together a large event like this. Raffle gift baskets and restaurant gift cards. The donors should be mentioned someplace. \$309 raffle proceeds. It was a catered affair, and Bateman did not have enough employees there. Also, they should take care of their own pots and pans.
- **Bev Temkin – Nomination Committee Report:** Miki Gurantz nominated for secretary for the 2-year term. Bill not interested in running for treasurer again, so Marlene volunteered to be Treasurer for the next 2 years. So, list of nominees are Miki Gurantz for secretary and Marlene Duffin to run for treasurer. Ralph Butterworth will continue as vice president. There were no further nominations from the floor. No one objected to voting at this time.
MOTION: It was moved by Bob Bellizzi and seconded to accept the nominations as proposed by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried.
MOTION: It was moved, again by Bob Bellizzi, and seconded to accept the slate unanimously of Marlene Duffin as treasurer and Miki Gurantz as secretary. The motion carried.

- **Certificates of Excellence:** Presented by Marlene to Marge Marble and Bill Hubka for their service as Secretary and Treasurer. One to be mailed to Marilyn Entin by Amy.
- **Bev Temkin –Holiday Brunch Update:** Sat. 12/6 at 11 am. Deadline for tickets is today. Virgin mimosas, fresh berries & yogurt parfait, savory strata, hashbrowns, bacon, petite almond croissant, coffee. Live music. Setup Fri. at 1 pm. List for volunteers at front desk.
- **Don House - SeniorNet:** Next calendar worked out with Willows so same classes are not offered at same time; and offering some 2- and 4-week shorter classes. Registration Jan. 10; classes start Jan. 12. Four sessions for the year instead of five; at least 200 seats filled every session; about 80 staff. Curriculum available by end of Dec. Council meeting this Friday.
- **Nancy Koppel – Friends of the Library:** Had been under guns to get liability insurance, but J. Khamis, Rochelle, Vince Tarpey, and library commissioner intervened. Their money goes directly to City library now, and saw no need for insurance for their Board. The same with Sr. Assoc. Johnny will continue to work with City attorneys to resolve.
- **Bill Hubka – Updates: Public Relations** -- Betty McGowan has volunteered to be our public relations person. Veterans Day activity on Nov. 7, about 75 attendees, barbershop quartet, honor guard from S.C. Univ. ROTC program and Los Gatos High School Boy Scouts. He attended ceremony at LG HS the next day to retire/burn torn American flags.
- **Bill Hubka - District 10 Coalition:** (notes attached) Nov. 15. Panel presentation on Lessons Learned for Effective Community Organizations included communications, mission, (letterhead, logo, business cards), insurance, CAP grants, Google ads. District 5 Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco discussed their challenges. Johnny Khamis discussed Hgwy 85 widening, cemetery in District 2 near Cinnabar GC, and housing impact fee. Information on Dec. 8 Highway 85 meeting at Water District, already discussed by Johnny.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Bev reported the consideration of handicapped/motorcycle parking spaces is still ongoing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2014, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 4.

Submitted by
Margery Marble, Secretary

Approval date: January 07, 2015