

The Almaden Senior Association Meeting
November 4, 2015

President Bill Hubka opened the meeting at 9:45am. He commented former City Council Member Nancy Pyle was planning on attending but suffered a small heart attack last Friday. She is recuperating.

Secretary Marlene Duffin asked if there were any questions about the Minutes of the October 7th meeting. It was noted that the name of the entertainment team for the Thanksgiving Event is Sandy and Mike, not Sandy and Bill. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Art Randall noted that the Operating Surplus is \$4,871.92. Diwali income was approximately \$2,145 with expenses of \$3,472. Not all the Casino Trip expenses have been submitted.

A suggestion was made that the Treasurer's "Summary Report" would be a little clearer if the "Expenses" that were noted, instead of listing Dominique Pacolba, would note the reason for the expense, e.g.: tablecloths, Bingo gifts, etc.

Council Member Johnny Khamis remarked that he loved Diwali.

He recently held a press conference on the City's new financial reporting system on the web. This is intended to bring renewed trust in our government. This will inform people of the income and expenses of the City. It does not show pension liability.

Three City Golf Courses are under discussion. Two are not financially viable. City General Fund is paying lease revenue bonds off instead of the Bonds being self-sufficient. He wants to hear from his constituents on this issue. There is a \$2.5million loss per year for the 2 courses.

He is working on a study on widening Highway 85. There will be a dedicated exit off Hwy 85 onto Almaden Expwy.

Striping Trinidad for parking and bike lanes may leave too little space for cars but it slows down traffic. The City's number one cause of death is car accidents, double the rate for homicides.

Denelle Fedor, Assistant to Johnny Khamis, is working on the Oakridge Mall Walk. She handed out flyers for the "Great American Pick-Up" April 23. She wants to learn about events at the Center and to hear about community issues. She noted McAbee/ Whispering Pines property was for sale, and also some Boulder Ridge property. The Bass Pro Shop has opened.

Recreation Supervisor Marissa Roberts announced the 2016 Association Membership drive is OPEN. The budget seems to be on schedule with a possible \$200 carry over.

The Harvest Festival was a great success. The event raised around \$3000 for the Youth Advisory Council. Plans are being made for a bigger event next year.

Nomination Committee Chair Marlene Duffin announced the proposed Association slate for 2016 term; nominees are President: Bill Hubka, Vice president: Rich Sanders. President Hubka asked for any additional people for these positions. A motion was put on the floor to accept the

Nomination Committee Report, which passed, and the election will be held at the December meeting.

Vice President Ralph Butterworth updated the "Events Calendar". Richard the DJ added for Holiday Brunch entertainment and Diwali is on the updated 2016 schedule. The Soup Party will be on Jan 9 at 1pm.

Thanksgiving Event Chair Cathy Michelin reported that 180 tickets have been sold. Bateman is providing the meal, which will be served buffet and family style. There will be dancing

Diwali Event Chair Sam Voruganti reported that 180 people attended the event. Everything was judged to be Outstanding!

Trip Coordinator Janet Haver, reporting for Sally Sargent, said the Red Hawk Trip was successful. Bea and Sally had 42 onboard.

On Nov 17th a trip to Graton Casino is planned. A motion was made and passed that a \$1,250 payment will be made to the bus company, contingent upon 30 people signing up before Nov 9. Janet Haver will provide the Graton Casino flier so it can be put on-line.

A holiday shopping trip to Union Square, San Francisco, is under discussion.

Bev Temkin, Chair of the Luncheon Group, reported that there has been a venue change for the Mission College lunch and she is looking for another place. The **Holiday Brunch** will be Dec 5th. We can decorate on Friday before the Saturday Brunch. Ticket sales will begin Friday the 13th of November.

Senior Citizens Commissioner Vince Tarpey talked about "Age Friendly Cities". Los Altos is part of the group and San Jose wants to join the group. He noted that seniors don't rate high on the City budget.

Senior Net Liaison Don House announced that the next set of classes will be available, on line, Dec 17th. The next Senior Net Council will be Dec 4 at 2pm.

Senior Net sign ups begin 1/9/2016 at 11:30am with the series of classes beginning the last week of January.

Monica Bellizzi, Friends of Library, announced the Book Sale, Nov 14th. She asked people to bring their own book bags. Shopping hours will be 9:00-2:30.

The D10 Leadership Group will meet Nov 19th at the Community Center at 9am.

Angela Gile, Assistant for Assemblyman Stone, had information on health insurance sign up. Please visit website www.GetCoveredCA.com.

Meeting Adjourned