

The Almaden Senior Association Meeting

** 03 February, 2016 **

Minutes

President Bill Hubka called the meeting to order.

Secretary Marlene Duffin presented the January 6 Minutes for review, and the Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer A. Randall reported Income for January of \$1,805.22 and Expenses of \$1446.99. Operating surplus funds for 2016 (year to date) are \$358.23. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Councilmember's Presentation

D10 Councilmember **Johnny Khamis** reported that he (reluctantly) voted for Council salary increase. A Sales Tax vote, intended to be put on the June ballot, is on the Council agenda. Johnny will support a dedicated sales tax but not a general sales tax. Proposed tax would raise overall sales tax one-quarter cent on dollar.

Assistant to Councilmember **Denelle Fedor** mentioned that the Councilmember's office telephone number is 408-535-4800, for information and assistance on issues. Donations for the July 4th event are being sought, and the WOW is coming up Feb 26.

Assemblyman Stone's Field Rep Angela Gile would be happy to be contacted about trash on the highway, and will let the state know about problems such as this. Call 831-425-1503.

PRNS Reports

Acting Gerontology Specialist Adriana Copado reported that there are 1017 paid members for 2016 at this time. She provided a spreadsheet of the Dues Account, and noted that bills have been paid for coffee, and for entertainment for the February event.

Center Supervisor Dominique Pacolba reported that some rugs in common areas have been cleaned. She also announced that we should all save the date May 7th, as this will be the 10th year celebration of the Library and Community Center Building. Community room furniture update: The San Jose Warehouse left-overs were not appropriate. The City could help pay some or all of the cost but will not know what funds will be available until June. The Association could donate furniture if appropriate. It was suggested that the City target about \$1500 for a furniture purchase.

Member Reports

Events Master Calendar Update: Rich Sanders handed out an updated 2016 Events Plan, and noted changes to some of the Association events.

Trips planning: Rich Sanders reported that there was good feedback from the Graton Casino Trip; 36 people went on the trip and it was profitable. Committee is now planning a trip to the Thunder Valley Casino, and several other trips through the summer.

Soup Party Event Report: Arden Weiner reported that the Soup Party was a great success; it was well-attended (120 people), and the Association made about \$500.

Mardi Gras Event Update: RoseMary McDiarmid reported that this event is almost sold out.

Out to Lunch Group Next Event: Bev Temkin reported that 51 people have signed up so far for the Chinese New Year celebratory lunch at Taste of China.

Guest Reports

Senior Citizens Commissioner: Vince Tarpey reports that the Commission is working with mobile home parks residents concerned about sale of mobile park land.

Senior Net: Don House reported that the registration on Jan 9 went well. Senior Net received over 100 proxies plus 80 people came in to sign up for one of the 18 classes. Windows 10 filled up very quickly so another class was created. Classes usually are limited to 16 students, and 310 have signed up to date.

Friends of the Library: Monica Bellizzi mentioned that the next Book Sale will be April 16. Please sign in to the website **Almadenfriends.com** to receive their Newsletter (2 a year). Their goal is to donate \$16,000 to the Library during 2016. **Vince Tarpey** announced that a group he works with is collecting appropriate books for a new library at Juvenile Hall as well as a local camp they are supporting. He would be willing to pick up any donated books and take them to the Hall. The Friends are supplying some books and the public is also encouraged to donate.

D10 Leadership: Jim Kuhl announced that a San Jose Community Emergency Response Team is being formed in the Almaden area and needs volunteers. Volunteer training is available on how to save lives and property in case of a major earthquake. Contact: Jose Salcido 408-535-4910. Jim also discussed the San Jose Parks Foundation which assists neighborhoods in beautifying the community. Contact is James Reber, 408-893-7275).

New Business:

Vandalized Almaden Valley sign: A "Go Fund Me" account was opened and has raised about \$5000 for repairs to the sign. Councilmember Khamis is working on replacing the sign.

A question from the floor concerned whether the Association is developing a strategic plan to address reserves and future use of money. President Bill replied that the Association is developing a procedure and decision criteria for evaluating opportunities for charitable donations.

Adjournment