

The Almaden Senior Association
Minutes of the Meeting of April 5, 2017

Pres. Bill Hubka called the meeting to order at 9:50 .

Copies of last month's minutes were passed out and then approved.

Treasurer Art Randall read his report. It was approved and will be filed for any future audit.

Councilmember **Johnny Khamis** spoke to the group.

- He just returned from China attempting to entice Chinese businessmen to bring their business and expertise to the USA. Spoke of the ongoing construction of buildings and the unbelievable China rail system. Many amenities in place for Americans and other countries to come and join their workforce. They are trying very hard to bring more outside business into their country.
- City is entertaining a bond to raise taxes for park improvement in our area. Mr. Khamis is against this due to the many bonds which have already passed and consequently causing taxes to rise. Although he loves our parks, Mr. Khamis felt we do not need more taxes at this time.
- Flood and water issues were brought up and discussed.
- The State has mandated that PG&E is responsible for any planting of oleanders in center of Almaden Expressway. PG&E does not want root systems of other trees to cause problems with their existing pipe system. PG&E also stated they would only irrigate the new plants if a watering system was already in place. Plans are ongoing.

Council Assistant, **Denelle Fedor**

- Complemented the Grant Money Committee on their excellent handling of the process of applying for grants.
- Open Space Authority purchased the Pfeiffer property. This property will be officially opened in a year or so to all communities and their members. It is now designated as open space.
- Other properties of interest for Open Space are the Winfield property owned by Valley Christian and the Santa Teresa Foothills.
- May is 'Older Person' month and there will be a Proclamation on May 16

Dominique Pacolba

- Passed out budget and flyer.
- All ongoing events and classes are going very well.
- May 19, in honor of Older Person's Month, there will be an event in the Rotunda at City Hall from 10:00-2:00. All encouraged to come; promises to be a fun time.
- Amplifier needs to be set and in place for all different events in the hall. Work in progress.
- Alexandra Martinez is leaving the Center and will be working for the county. Crystal Weber will be taking her place. Alexandra will definitely be missed.

Rich Sanders

- Due to lack of signups, the Casino Party was canceled. Working with the Lion's Club was fantastic and they were more than great about the need to cancel. Will work with them again.
- **All upcoming events on track:**

Cinco de Mayo	May 5
A Day in Paris	June 10
Ice Cream Social	Aug 16
Mystery Dinner	Sep 16 (Name changed from Mystery Theater)
Oktoberfest	Oct.14
- **Trips on track as well:**

Mission San Juan Bautista	April 11
Thunder Valley Casino	May 16
Rosie the Riveter Museum	June 20

Janet Haver

- After many attempts, Janet was able to talk with someone at the *Almaden Resident* Newspaper and they will hopefully be adding our trips and events to their paper.

St. Patrick's Day Report (Jeanne Sanders)

- Everything went very well. Next time will need more help for setup, but all enjoyed the day.

Friends of the Library (Monica Bellizzi)

- Book Sale on April 8. Bring your bags to fill with many wonderful books.

Bill Hubka spoke of his meeting with the District Coalition. He was very impressed with the Economic Developer, Nancy Klein. She talked about San Jose's growth in the next 20 years and stated the population will increase by 400,000. They will be building major high rises and working on urban development. Their theme is *Density Done Well*. Infrastructure involving this growth is yet to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40.