

**The Almaden Senior Association
Minutes of the Meeting of
September 5, 2018**

President Bill Hubka opened the meeting at 9:45am.

Bill and Rich Sanders attended the PRNS Senior Advisory Meeting on August 31. Discussion topics included: city-wide senior membership and recruitment, On-Line registration for 2019, and the updated website for the City of San Jose.

Acting Secretary Marlene Duffin presented the Minutes of the August meeting which were approved without change.

Treasurer Art Randall reported August financials: Income \$6,107.37; Expenses \$1,332.25; YTD Operating Income \$4,775.12. Most of this money is on hold for events and trips. Report filed for audit.

PRNS Reports:

- **Adriana Copado** presented the dues account status for the month and reported that there is \$6,419.62 remaining in the Dues Fund. We have 1345 members.
- The RISO copy machine, which prints our newsletter, is broken beyond repair. The projected cost for a new machine would be approximately \$6,600. We need the machine so that a projected 800 hard copies can be printed each month even after we go to an emailed newsletter in January. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to provide a provisional amount of \$6,700 for a new copier. The money would be spent only after researching some alternatives, including printing copies at Office Max, and looking into other copier machines. The Board will determine the course of action with that information.
- Responses to the proposed cessation of mailing the Newsletter were discussed. Of the 47 responses received to date, 38 members said they were opposed to stopping the mailing of the newsletter. We (the Association and City) are considering asking those residents who want the Newsletter mailed to pay more.

Councilmember Johnny Khamis Reported as follows:

- Two new parcel taxes will be on the ballot this fall:
 - **Infrastructure Tax (\$650million)**. \$300million will be designated for maintenance, but also includes buying an area in north Coyote Valley.
 - **Low Income Housing (\$450million)**. The Councilmember voted against putting this measure on the ballot. Recently passed Measure A has the same objective.
- **Charter changes:** contract and subcontractors request for bids language, proposed to change to “best value”; Councilmember voted against this change.
- **City Council Salary increase:** programmed for every 5 years, tagged to cost price index; he supported this.

- **Speeding enforcement is increasing.** Safety Fair was successful. Working on Senior Wellness Programs and San Jose Fitness Program to see if they can be expanded.

Assistant Denelle Fedor

- A few people have called the Councilmember's office on the mailing of the newsletter.
- Denelle has helped a few people figure out how to rent out rooms to seniors, kids in school, etc.

Member Reports

- **Rich Sanders** reviewed the Events calendar. Cathy and Mitch Michelin will Co-Chair the Thanksgiving Dinner; the Crooners will provide entertainment.
- Country Inn should be considered for catering again as there is a new owner.
- Trips are filling up fast. All workers on the trips were thanked: Sally, Janet, Ralph and Donna.

Marlene Duffin updated the Association members on the Wall of Fame. The early history is being written now. It was discussed at a recent meeting with Bev Temkin, Miriam Atlas and Chickie Nemeth. More work to follow.

Guest Report

Warren Gannon, Chairman of the City of San Jose Senior Commission provided a short orientation briefing. The Commission has 11 members and reflects both City and District concerns. The Commission advocates for seniors at City Council level; they had a recent goal-setting retreat and determined goals for this year: Transportation, Emergency Preparedness, Housing, Community Centers, and Aging.

New Business

- **A Nominating Committee** has been formed: Martie Degutis, Tom Murphy and Jeanie Sanders. They are searching for nominations for Treasurer and Secretary.
- **Holiday Giving Tree:** Martie Degutis has initiated this project for 2018. The Family Giving Tree is the organization that will help us coordinate the project. Motion made, seconded and approved for us to participate in the program. Tiffany Dong reported that Seven Trees Center took part in this last year.
- **Viva Calle** coming up, let Tiffany Dong know if you are interested.