

**The Almaden Senior Association
Minutes of the Meeting of
November 06, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 9:45am by President Bill Hubka. He provided an update of the election process and acknowledged the generous gift of \$1000 to the Association made by Mr. Gene Esswein.

Mr. Matt Mahan and Ms. Jenny Badanini, candidates for City Council District 10, were in attendance as observers. We were informed that another candidate, Mr. Vinh Do, has recently entered the City Council race and we will endeavor to bring him to our December meeting. Also present was Ms. Donna Castillo, newly-appointed District 10 representative to the San Jose Senior Commission.

The Minutes of the October 02 meeting were read. Monica Bellizzi pointed out that the Minutes failed to mention the status of the election process and candidate's names. The Minutes were accepted with the provision that this information be added.

Treasurer Art Randall reported that the Operating Income at beginning of October was \$4791; month of October Deposits totaled \$3645 and Total Expenses totaled \$3279; end-of-month Year to Date Operating Income is \$5157. The Report was filed for audit.

Councilmember's Presentation

- D10 Councilmember: **Johnny Khamis**
 - Councilmember Khamis is advocating strongly for aid and assistance to the homeless population in San Jose. He stated that surveys show that 42% of the homeless are there because of mental health problems, 36% because of severe drug addiction, and the remaining 22% for various other reasons.
 - As to providing housing for low-income individuals/families, two key issues which deter developers are being worked by Council: deregulation and fee reduction.
 - Last year, 2400 new housing units were developed, far short of the need; in the coming year it is hoped that 9 new buildings will be developed downtown.
- Assistant to Councilmember: **Denelle Fedor**
 - Elemis restaurant has opened in the Safeway shopping center.
 - December 11 will be District 10 day at Christmas in the Park.

PRNS Reports

- Center Supervisor **Tiffany Dong** and Gerontology Specialist **Anne Marie Naranjo**:
 - Provided a summary of membership dues account expenditures and estimates/projections of expenses to the end of the year. Current membership is 1379.

Nominations of Candidates for Election – Nadine Ambrose

Speaking on behalf of the Nominating Committee, Nadine introduced the candidates: Rich Sanders for President, Cathy Michelin for Vice-President (each for a two-year term 2020-2021), and Marilyn Entin for Secretary (one-year term 2020). A request was made for nominations from the floor; there were none. The nominations were declared closed. Each candidate was given an opportunity to state their qualifications for the position sought. Finally, each candidate was formally nominated, and each accepted their nomination. The slate of candidates was declared complete, with the election to be held at the next Association meeting on December 4th.

Member Reports

- Events Master Calendar Update and Trips Planning: **Rich Sanders**
 - Reviewed updated plans for remainder of 2019 and handed out the updated charts.
 - The Thanksgiving Feast, scheduled for Saturday, November 23, is already sold out and a wait-list has been established. Entertainment will be provided by the Castillero Middle School Jazz Chorale.
 - The Holiday Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, December 7; entertainment will be provided by the Merrie Olde Christmas Carolers.
 - Gave us a preview of events and trips for 2020 which are in the planning stage.
 - The Soup Party will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020, with food preparation by the Almaden Senior Chefs and Friends.
 - Calendars showing events and trips for 2020 will soon appear on the website.
- Philanthropy Committee report: **Martie Degutis**
 - Martie informed us that the Christmas Giving Tree had been set up in the lobby and gift tags attached. People taking a tag are requested to record the tag and their name with front desk personnel, and bring the gift in by December 6.
- Marilyn Entin briefed us on the Holiday Boutique, the annual sale of hand-made goods, which will be held on three days: November 16, December 7 and 14. Goods will be on display in the lobby of the Center.

New Business

- **Donna Castillo** was introduced; she remarked that her appointment to the Senior Commission was recent and that she is still getting her feet wet with the group and its activities. She volunteered to attend our monthly meetings to keep the Senior Association informed of Senior Commission activities and provide a good line of communication between the two organizations.

Meeting Adjourned