

June 2, 2021 ASA Meeting

Call to order and announcements at 9:45 am by President Rich Sanders – Tiffany Dong’s new daughter is named Monroe, remembrance of slain VTA employees (can donate on Matt Mahan’s Facebook page), COVID 19 cases are down in SJ (major changes in CA guidelines on June 15), women Nutrition Program participants received Mothers’ Day flowers on May 7, the ASA Board of Directors okayed spending \$200 on gifts for male Nutrition Program participants for Fathers’ Day, the Playgarden at Almaden Lake Park and Family Giving Tree still need donations (see Newsletter for websites), ASA needs a committee for revising the by-laws, and the ASA Facebook page is ongoing.

The minutes were read and it was M/S/P to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurer’s Report – Bill Lavalée reported that expenses included \$1000 to Family Giving Tree for its backpack program and \$174.73 for Mothers’ Day flowers.

District 10 Councilmember Matt Mahan and Chief of Staff Matthew Quevedo – City Council highlights included a Pension Obligation Fund (needs more analysis), a Fireworks Ordinance, different strategies for Sanctioned Encampments and increased fines for illegal dumping. The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors okayed the use of Laura’s Law for San Jose – outpatient treatment instead of jail for the mentally ill. The City Council okayed the Google enterprise in downtown San Jose. ACC Cleanup Day is Saturday, June 5 from 8:45 – noon (need to rsvp). Vineland Library is reopening in early June and Almaden Library possibly late June. Chat with Matt is Thursday, June 10 at 6 pm. Matthew Quevedo reported that the D10 office is hiring summer interns. He is working on responding back to constituents in a timely manner. There was a discussion of the garbage rate increase and educating the public on proper recycling.

PRNS – Anne Marie Naranjo stated that there are 1031 ASA members, 86 mailed newsletters and \$6210.02 in the Membership Fund. There is a free Disaster Preparedness presentation on Zoom on June 16 at 10:30 am. You must rsvp on www.sjregistration.com to participate. There are free virtual classes for beginning and intermediate Spanish. The Summer Concert proposal is on hold until the governor’s June 15 announcement (still in planning stage). Interim Supervisor Lauren Hawkins is working on bringing back programs. The Summer Camp Program for children will begin soon. The Senior Nutrition Program is ongoing. The ACC Cleanup Day is this Saturday (see Matt Mahan’s report above). Lauren will work with the library for reopening (lauren.hawkins@sanjoseca.gov).

Trips – Jeanne Sanders stated that Hamilton tickets are available for \$114 at CPA for matinees on October 28 and 30. Please get in touch with her for tickets. No buses for these performances since they are local. Cathy Michelin reported on the Chardonnay Trip on August 18 at 1 pm that costs \$66 for seniors. This is a 2-hour sail which includes pizza, wine and beer. Carpooling is a possibility.

Department of Transportation Vision Zero Program – Cordell Bailey reported on ways to reduce fatalities in San Jose. There is a Task Force meeting on June 4 at 9:30 am on Zoom focusing on slowing down traffic in specific areas of San Jose. He is working on a community walk in the Almaden area in July.

Old Business – Website Redesign is in process. PRNS is working on guidelines for a tentative Music in the Park Concert in late July. It was M/S/P to approve spending \$1000 on a band for a summer concert dependent on city requirements and agreement with city staff and ASA. Concert will be publicized.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Entin, Recording Secretary