

## Minutes of The Almaden Senior Association Meeting January 6, 2016

**President Bill Hubka** called the meeting to order at 9:45am

The following elected officers and appointed directors were introduced:

Officers: Bill Hubka President, Rich Sanders Vice President, Marlene Duffin Secretary, Art Randall Treasurer; Appointed Directors: Beverly Temkin Historian, Betty McGowan PR, Jack Campbell Kitchen Advisor, Ralph Butterworth, and Geeta Maniar. President Bill noted the Board was working on a Policy and Procedures Manual.

**Secretary Marlene Duffin** noted the minutes had been distributed and asked if there were any questions; hearing none, the Minutes for December 1, 2015 were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer Art Randall** presented the Income and Expense Report for December, 2015. The operating surplus for 2015 was \$4,385.90. This figure reflects income for January activities; consequently, the actual carry over is under \$2800. Motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

### **District 10 Councilmember Jonny Khamis**

El Nino Sandbag materials are available on the corner of Coleman and Winfield, ready to fill and take home.

There is a Homeless web site or you can call (408 510 7600) if concerned about the activities of homeless people in your area.

Churches are being used as shelters where homeless can stay for up to 30 days. Holy Spirit Church, in the Almaden area, is participating in this program serving as a facility for homeless women.

Mo's Restaurant opening was held up by the County but expected to open by end of February.

**Denelle Fedor**, Assistant to the Councilmember, is working on July 4<sup>th</sup> community celebration and looking for sponsors.

She encouraged people to visit the Animal Shelter, San Jose where pets are available to purchase.

### **PRNS Reports**

**Dominique Pacolba** introduced **Adriana Copado** Acting Specialist.

Adriana said there are 674 Association memberships to date for 2016.

Association has a small room outside the kitchen that holds our kitchen items. There was a discussion between Bateman and our Kitchen Crew concerning the use of Association supplies stored there; Jack and Dominique were asked to resolve current problems.

### **Member Reports**

**Vice President Rich Sanders** presented the Events Master Calendar and Trips.

The March St Patrick's Day needs a Co-Chair.

Members can access the Association website for our year's events and activities.

The trip to Graton Casino at a cost of \$40 has positive sign ups. The bus company has been changed so the overall cost is less than anticipated.

A March 15th Thunder Valley Casino trip is being planned. Sally Sargent and Bea Haddad are working with the Medina Bus Company. A motion was approved that \$900 be allocated for the March trip, contingent on 26 minimum sign ups at a cost of \$35.

There will be a City Wide Trip on Feb 18 to the Tulip Festival; cost is \$50.

**Beverly Temkin** reported 129 persons attended the **Holiday Brunch** and the food was excellent. Bev especially thanked Rich Sanders for a great entertainment video and the outstanding volunteers for their work.

**Arden Weiner** Chairman of the **Soup Party** said 120 tickets were sold and there will be 5 soups.

**Bev Temkin** announced that the Out to Lunch Group will visit the Taste of China on Feb 11; it's located on Branham Lane and the cost will be \$20.

#### **Guest Reports**

**Vince Tarpey Senior Citizen's Commission** reported that the Commission is looking at the problem of mobile home parks being closed for redevelopment; many seniors are being adversely affected.

**Don House Senior Net** reported that signups for the next term are this Saturday starting at 11:30am.

**Friends of the Library:** No report

#### **New Business:**

It was suggested that the furniture in the Neighborhood Services Program Room needs replacing. Dominique will look into the availability of City money for this purpose.

Meeting adjourned 11:05am

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>, as this will be the 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

**The Almaden Senior Association  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

**President Bill Hubka** called the meeting to order at 9:43am.

He summarized the Quarterly Meeting of Association/Advisory Group officers held at Camden Community Center on Tuesday, March 2. The meeting included a presentation by SJPD concerning the permitting requirements and procedures for big cash prize (Big Bingo) games in the City. If anyone is interested in dedicating their time to start this activity they must follow the SJPD procedures.

**Minutes from February 3 meeting** will be discussed at April 6, 2016 meeting.

**Treasure's Report - Art Randall:** Described revenues and expenses for Mardi Gras event, which was very enjoyable and comfortably profitable.

**Councilmember Khamis:** Thanked everyone who attended WOWW event at Oakridge mall. Over 500 persons attended. Upcoming Council business: Proposed .25 % to .50 % General Sales Tax increase; he is in favor of a dedicated (or targeted) tax for infrastructure rather than a general tax. He urged the public to oppose the Gross Sales Receipts Tax initiative. He discussed Community Choice Aggregation.

**Denelle Fedor:** Working on Fourth of July event, seeking sponsors. Contribution to event will be tax deductible. Hungarian Flag raising at City Hall May 20<sup>th</sup>, dinner after at Rotunda.

**Senior Commissioner Vince Tarpey:** Dial 211 if interested in County Service information. Senior Commission will have a meeting with Alzheimer's Association. "Being Mortal" screening and panel discussion; March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm Mexican Heritage Plaza.

**Angela Gile:** Legislature passed tax on Health Care, look for "End of Life Act" implementation in January.

**PRNS Report: Adriana Copado** reported that 1135 memberships have been sold for 2016. **Dominique Pacolba** provided an update on Community Room curtains. Looking for a part needed. At the moment it is not working. If part not found we may have to replace the curtains in the room. She noted that City is interested in having a shade structure in the patio area between the community center and library, and also a shade structure in the pre-school patio.

**Audit Committee Tom Murphy:** Audit Committee has completed the annual audit. Deposits, vouchers complete, checks written correctly. Checkbook balances with bank statement, safe log and envelopes. Properly administered and found few flaws. Dates looked at March, July, Sept, and Nov.

**Rich Sanders:** Bateman will cater for St Patrick's event and Big Band Bash. Donna Smith will co-chair Luau event. Disney Trip in work, 10-12 signed up thus far. Thunder Valley trip requires minimum 27 at \$35.00. A trip to Cache Creek is being planned next. **Motion made and passed:** \$1,385.00 to be allocated for Disney Museum trip, contingent on getting 27 signups by March 31.

**Mardi Gras – RoseMary:** Thanked everyone for a fabulous event. Event was sold out.

**Monica Bellizzi:** Book sale on April 16, set up will be April 15<sup>th</sup>. Books will be donated to camp in Felton, Bret Harte, and Juvenile program.

**Meeting adjourn 10:40am**

## **The Almaden Senior Association Meeting Minutes**

### **April 6, 2016**

**President Bill Hubka** called the meeting to order at 9:45am. Announcements are:

- Vice President Rich Sanders will lead the meetings for the next two months (May and June) as Bill will be on vacation.
- Owing to overall volunteer workload, the Association procedure changes efforts will be focused on the Charitable Donations and Refunds Policy/Procedures for the next few months.
- A name change will be proposed for the Association. Suggestions welcomed.
- A working group will meet soon to plan the 2017 events schedule and content.

**Secretary Marlene Duffin** reviewed February and March Minutes. They were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report – Treasurer A. Randall** is on vacation so President Bill reviewed the Income and Expenses for March. The report was approved as submitted.

#### **Councilmember's Presentation**

- D10 Councilmember **Johnny Khamis** noted:
  - General Sales Tax increase, on ballot in June, will allow money to be spent on anything, not designated areas.
  - Pavement maintenance is his priority; \$72 million is needed to maintain streets per year which the City does not have.
  - Apartment Ordinance in works which would limit rent increases for rent controlled apartments to 2% per year. Possible impact is that smaller apartment owners will eventually sell out and larger developers will buy and build skyward.
  - Medical Marijuana Petition on June ballot will repeal City Council controls and restrictions on marijuana laws. In San Jose there are 16 legal dispensaries.
- Assistant to Councilmember **Denelle Fedor** thanked the association for the July 4<sup>th</sup> donation.

**Senior Citizens Commissioner: Denelle** reported (for **Mr. Tarpey**) that a lack of transportation to community center for lunch is being discussed.

**Assemblyman Stone's Representative Angela Gile** announced the Advanced Care and Estate Planning workshop April 15 in Scotts Valley. Also noted that tax scams are prevalent at this time of year, so be careful.

#### **PRNS Reports**

- Center Supervisor **Dominique Pacolba** and Gerontology Specialist **Adriana Copado**:
  - Adriana noted the Association has 1238 members at this time, and reviewed March City Account expenses.

- Dom announced that new furniture (couch and love seat) have been purchased for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Neighborhood Community Services room.

### Member Reports

- Events Master Calendar Update: **Vice President Rich Sanders** said that there are no updates to the Events Calendar, but that Co-Chairs are needed in September, November and December.
- Trips planning: **Sally Sargent** reported that the San Francisco Disney Museum trip has signed up 49 out of 50 slots. Rich requested a check for the Cache Creek Casino bus (\$900); a motion was made and approved to pay this contingent upon having 26 people signed up by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- t. Patrick Event Report: **Mary Yavorn** reported that the dinner went well, entertainment was excellent, and she received many favorable comments. Mary also reported that some merchants are being overtaxed if asked too many times to donate to the raffle. We need data base to watch this.
- Big Band Bash Event Update: **Betty McGowan** noted she has list of merchants donating to the Bash Raffle. Bateman is doing the food. Everything on track.
- Out to Lunch Group April Event: **Bev Temkin** has planned for lunch at Bistro Tupaz, located at Snell and Santa Teresa on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### President's Business

- A motion made and passed to donate \$500 to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Almaden Lake celebration.
- Discussion of City demographics in the Almaden Valley. How can we attract younger people into our organization?
  - Should we change the name of the organization? Benefits for joining the Association should be noted.
  - Changing hours of events could help attract younger people. Focus on group that we want to attract such as 50-65 age range.

### Guest Reports

- Friends of the Library: **Monica Bellizzi** Book Sale April 16<sup>th</sup>
- D10 Leadership: **Jim Kuhl**:
  - Emergency Preparedness Classes continuing; will have training in Almaden Valley.
  - 4000 are homeless in San Jose. Santa Clara Co has housing for 1000 people. Total of 7000 homeless people in county.
  - Environmental Services will do a free pick up once a year at your home.
  - Patent Office does 80% of business in this area.

### Adjournment

## **The Almaden Senior Association Meeting Minutes**

May 4, 2016

**Call to Order and Announcements – Vice President Rich Sanders**, filling in for President Bill Hubka, opened the meeting.

- He announced that due to Memorial Day being on Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Association Board meeting will be on Friday, May 27. The Association Meeting will be Wed June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Reading and Acceptance of the Minutes – Secretary M. Duffin**

- **MS/P** approved as submitted.

**Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer A. Randall**

- April: Income \$2307.63, Expenses \$222.84 not including outstanding checks. Operating Funds on hand \$6,930.50. Big Band Bash event lost \$203.43. Since we feed band members at our cost, a small loss was expected. Disney Museum Trip was sold out and brought in \$960.

**Councilmember’s Presentation – Johnny Khamis**

- D10 Councilmember: Johnny Khamis was not present so Assistant to the Councilmember, Denelle Fedor spoke on his behalf. She said Family Fun Festival and Fireworks at Almaden Park July 4<sup>th</sup> will get funds from our purchases at Buffalo Wild Wings 11-3pm on May 25<sup>th</sup> and Sweet Rendevous Marian’s Ice cream on June 6<sup>th</sup> 12-9.
- Guadalupe Landfill Meeting May 16<sup>th</sup> will discuss the legal issues on the use of the Almaden Landfill. The San Jose City was not aware of this issue. Milpitas Contracts with Waste Mangement not the City of San Jose.
- Effected homes near landfill are very unhappy with the contract; these competing issues are between the City of San Jose Conditional Use Permit for the Landfill and newer homes which are filling in the area. At his time Los Gatos and Monte Sereno use the landfill.

**Senior Citizens Commissioner – Vince Tarpey**

- Vince discussed “Outreach”. Over 2000 people were served in March (non-duplicated riders). As of July 1<sup>st</sup> Almaden users of this service for lunch will have to attend 2 lunches per week.
- Paratransit is for people that qualify but cannot use light rail or buses. They can set up a STAR gas card.  
Rent Controlled Housing: Owners can increase rents 5% per year (down from 8%) and up to 8% if capital improvement expenditures are made.

**Assemblyman Stone’s Representative – Angela Gile**

- Noted that at the State level \$5 billion is available for grants for housing
- His “Internet for all” to assist underserved areas is being held up in Committee. He has 15 bills in process including one with the state County Clerks asking for clarity on election bills and for State Student Loan clarification.

## **PRNS Reports**

- **Center Supervisor Dominique Pacolba** noted that hardwood floor is put into the Game Room  
Community Center 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program is on Saturday. The library is leading the celebration.  
New furniture has been delivered to the Neighborhood Services Room.
- **Gerontology Specialist Adriana Copado:**
  - Membership through April is 1299 members, a little behind last year's memberships.
  - Funds that pay for the lunch program is from 5 different sources. Donations are limited and the number of people using the program is increasing

## **Member Reports**

- Events Master Calendar Update: Rich Sanders
  - Polynesian Gala coming up on June 11.
  - American BBQ update for July. Kermit is co-chair and is working on plans for the event.
- Trips Update: Sally Sargent, Bea Haddad, Janet Haver, Rich Sanders
  - Filoli trip is filling up. Bea Haddad in charge of Chuckchansi trip said lots of interest in the trip and Janet Haver, who does the publicity, said trip promotion was coming along fine.  
A motion for \$600 for the bus contingent on having 28 people signed up to go to Filoli was passed.  
Rich thanked all who work on the trips.
- Big Band Bash Event Report: Betty McGowan was absent, her written report noted the event was very successful. She had a "Big Thank You" to the lots of volunteers.
- Fashion Show Update: Jeanne Sanders Ticket sales around 100 at \$7 doing well. 13 models will model outfits from "The Dress Barn".
- Polynesian Gala Update: Donna Smith, co-chair, noted the event will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Decorations are coming along and will be wonderful.
- Out to Lunch Group - Bev Temkin noted that Mo's Restaurant will open in late May and we will plan to have a lunch there if all goes well. May lunch is at Whispers in downtown San Jose.

## **Guest Reports**

- Senior Net: Don House said the computer programs offered have been very successful, among other programs we now have 4 Windows 10 classes and with over 80 volunteers, classes and facility really benefit the community.
- Friends of the Library: Monica Bellizzi said over \$4600 was made at the Book Sale. Books that were not sold were to given to several schools and other needy organizations

## **Adjournment**

# The Almaden Senior Association Meeting Minutes

## June 1, 2016

### Call to Order and Announcements

- **Vice President Rich Sanders** presiding, filling in for President Bill Hubka opened the meeting.

### Reading and Acceptance of the Minutes – Secretary M. Duffin

- MS/approved as written

### Treasurer's Report – Treasurer A. Randall

- May: \$4077.41 Received \$2389.29 Expenses for month
- Two events are in process The Association is in better shape financially than last year due to membership dues income and conservative expenditures. The San Jose Recreation Dept. Almaden Villas' Membership Fund has been paying for catered events and most of the trips have been profitable
- Treasurer's Report MS/approved as given.

### Councilmember's Presentation

D10 Councilmember Johnny Khamis Report:

- **Guadalupe Landfill:** San Jose City will do more inspections in the streets around the Landfill and will watch for speeding cars. Legally the City can't do anything else at this time.
- Feels **tax money** should go to pavement management and is working to lock down revenue stream 17 million for roads
- **Tax measure on the ballot**, money can be spent on anything and should this measure pass citizens should watch to see the funds are spent as promised.
- He is working on **getting funds** for a washer/dryer for washing volunteer gloves as well as a new truck for volunteer workers.
- Supports the City buying 8 new APR's, **license plate readers**, police using them solve 10 crimes per day. It is a real crime fighter tool to find stolen cars.
- Supports **VTA tax for November ballot** which is a dedicated tax and it includes senior transit and Paratransit services.
- Assistant Denelle Fedor
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July event coming along but always needs donations.
  - There will be a booth at the July 4<sup>th</sup> event where attendees will be invited to write letters to soldiers.
  - Money for some of the fireworks came from a Grant for Cultural Affairs (money from hotel taxes not General Fund).

**Senior Citizens Commissioner:** Vince Tarpey

- The cost for senior lunch program has increased
- Rich Sanders suggested that we discuss having a booth to recruit members for the July 4<sup>th</sup> event. Unfortunately, it was thought by the group that there is not enough time to do this year. The issue was tabled for this year.

**Assemblyman Stone's Representative:**

- Angela Gile noted Governor Brown's CA Budget added \$10mil for teacher incentives and noted transportation funding is still a problem
- Angela will look into getting new flags for the Community Room at the Center

**PRNS Reports**

- Center Supervisor Dominique Pacolba noted this is the beginning of kids camps, San Jose budget crunch and there will be preschool graduation this week
- Gerontology Specialist Adriana Copado reported we have 1340 memberships to date. She reviewed our Association Account expenses

We thanked Adriana for the great Senior Association Volunteer party

**Vice President Rich Sanders Master Calendar Report**

- Red Hawk trip will be \$35 per person Bus cost of \$850 was approved
- Donna Smith announced the Polynesian Gala has sold 130 tickets so far
- All American BBQ Kermit Olsen is working on the event
- Fashion Show was very successful and worked out well
- Bev Temkin: Out to Lunch Bunch is going to "Tomato Thyme" at Hamilton and Meridian on Thurs, June 16. We will go to Mo's on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Save the date.

**Guest Reports**

- Friends of the Library: Monica Bellizzi noted that July 11 at 3:30pm Friends are having their annual meeting. The organization is always looking for new volunteers and board members.
- D10 Leadership: Jim Kuhl Noted that complaints that the Guadalupe Landfill smells are largely unfounded. The traffic problem for residents is real and should be watched.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**The Almaden Senior Association Meeting Minutes  
July 6, 2016**

**Call to Order Announcements**

- **President Bill Hubka** opened the meeting (9:47am).

**Reading and Accepting of the Minutes**

- M/S approved as written

**Treasure's Report-Treasure Art A. Randall**

- June: \$3,486.61
- Expense of Month: \$2,788.93
- \$500.00 donated to Fourth of July event

**Councilmember's Presentation**

D10 Councilmember Johnny Khamis Report:

- Re-elected Khamis 4 years, Thank You
- Fourth of July event was successful. 5,000.00 more attended then last year.
- Evergreen Contract Outreach, Audit was done (VTA)
- Hayes Mansion sold. City will save 2.6 million

Assistant Denelle Fedor

- Fourth of July event was successful
- Thank You for donation from Association
- Next year will increase security and restroom for event.
- Fire on Cahalan Square left 15 displaced business owners.
- Veterans, Jerry Williams spoke at event, Letters to soldiers table. Letters will be given to vet centers and will attach care packages. Thank You Josie Supencheck for volunteering.

**Senior Citizens Comissioner: Vince Tarpey**

- Age-Friendly Silicon Valley, fill out survey

**PRNS Report**

**Center Supervisor: Dominique Pacolba**

- Summer camps are going good, 7% of camps did not get minimum. Thanks for accommodating for camps this summer.
- Run, Hide, Defend Training for staff at center to be prepared in a case of an emergency. Live simulation at center, will provide advanced noticed when this will be planned.

**Gerontology Specialist: Adriana Copado**

- July: 1397 membership to date.
- Reviewed membership account balance and expensive made for the month.

**Master Calendar Report**

**Vice President Rich Sanders:**

- Narender Virmani will be Co-Chair for Diwali Event, will have dinner catered. July 11<sup>th</sup> first meeting.
- Marti Degutis will be Co-Chair for Italian, Mediterranean Dinner. Looking for entertainment. More information to come.
- Senior Trip: Red Hawk, 28 signed up, 25 break even. Bus is paid for.
- **Donna Smith announced** Thank you for the help with the Polynesian Luau event, great entertainment, thanks to Al Cheng for video taping event. Volunteers did a great job.
- Lunch Bunch: Erin Barclay will be taking over lunch bunch for the month, while Bev is out. Mo's Café at 11:30am, Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Guest Report**

- Friends of Library: Monica Belizzi. Annual meeting July 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm if interested in attending

Meeting Adjourn (10:31am)

## **Minutes of The Almaden Senior Association Meeting August 3, 2016 Marlene Duffin Secretary**

**President Bill Hubka** opened the meeting with condolences to the family and friends of Don House, a former member of the board and founding member of Senior Net whose funeral services were being held at the same time as our Association meeting.

**Treasurer Art Randall** reported July income was \$1,167.90, expenses were \$1635.21, and operating funds as of 07/31/2016 are \$8,848.99.

A question was asked what amount was in the reserve fund and should that amount be shown on the Treasurer's Report. President Bill responded that the reserve fund is always noted in the treasurer's year-end report. A Board Committee is examining the Reserve Fund and will report back to the board with suggestions and comments.

Art also reported for Gerontology Specialist Adriana Copado. We have 1424 paid memberships. We have two events in process and are in better shape financially than last year due to membership dues income and conservative expenditures.

**Councilmember Jonny Khamis** reported that National Night Out for Almaden Valley had 12 events throughout his District. He attended 9 out of the 12. The November Ballot will be VERY LONG as there are many tax measures on the ballot from the state to our local government. He is especially concerned about the "Opportunity to Work Initiative". It would have a negative impact on businesses in the city. The complete Council is opposed to the Initiative.

**Denelle Fedor**, Assistant to the Councilman, announced there is an opening on the San Jose Planning Commission. There will be a public hearing on a General Plan change on August 18<sup>th</sup> that affects a planned development across from Almaden Lake. The City is still investigating the "Cahalan Fire" as an arson case. The area is being cleaned up.

**Angela Gile**, Assemblyman Stone's Representative, said that he is working with Supervisor Mike Wasserman on a 60<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the Santa Clara County Parks system.

**Vice President Rich Sanders** updated the Membership Events Master Calendar. Two motions were made and passed to pay for the bus for the trip to Graton Casino and purchase a block of 24 tickets to the musical Phantom of the Opera, scheduled for Sept. 22.

**Marty Degutis** reported that the Mediterranean Event on September 24 is proceeding ahead.

**Kermit Olsen** said the July 6<sup>th</sup> Patriotism Party was a success. The room was well decorated, Bar B Que great food and the music was festive. 110 tickets were sold. A thought was that the

event may have more participants if it was held later in July. He especially thanked all the volunteers.

New Business included a motion to donate \$500 to a pancreatic cancer fund in the name of Don House.

For end of the year elections, Donna Smith and Nancy Koppel were appointed to the Board Nomination Committee, one more member is needed.

Some job rearrangements (Historian and PR Rep) were announced due to Director's illnesses.

### **Guest Reports**

- Monica Bellizzi: Friends of the Library will have their next planning meeting on Wednesday, August 31, at 2:30pm, in the conference room. Also, the organization is always looking for new volunteers and Board members.

### **Adjournment**

**The Almaden Senior Association Meeting  
Minutes of the meeting of September 7, 2016**

**Vice President Rich Sanders** called the meeting to order; he announced that Bill Hubka was away and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Secretary Marlene Duffin** distributed the Minutes of the August, 2016 meeting. They were approved as written.

**Treasurer Art Randall** reported the following:

Expenses for month: \$3412.63; Income for month: \$3639.42

Operating Funds as of 8/31/2016: \$9,075.78

A Motion was made to have the Total Balance of the Checking Account of the Association reported each month as part of the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded. The Acting President then moved to table this motion until the next meeting.

**Councilmember's Presentation**

**D10 Councilmember Johnny Khamis** had just returned from Shanghai. Although he paid his own way, he represented the City of San Jose. He gave several speeches there.

The Police Emergency Status was approved by Council in order to break the Police Union Contract so jobs could be rearranged within the Department according to need.

Johnny Khamis "On the Record" website set up has been set up, with the help of Jim Kuhl, so voters will know the exact facts of his votes.

A Ballot Chart is being developed by Councilmember Khamis so people can understand the financial impact of the upcoming City and County November ballot measures.

The Councilmember supports Measure F, which replaces Measure B, and resolves the Police Union conflict.

In the development for St James Park high-rises, there is no provision for low cost housing.

There are no laws effecting downtown area because of limited height of buildings due to the airport.

Cahalan Square update: property has been cleaned up, and owners received emergency loans so tenants can either rebuild or relocate.

**Assistant to Councilmember Denelle Fedor** gave information on the Senior Nutrition Program and the "Senior Walk About"

**Senior Citizens Commissioner Vince Tarpey** requested the City Council let the seniors speak earlier on the Agenda because their meetings run so late.

VTA senior issues continue, but the ride-sharing service Lyft really helps Senior Center lunch Program.

## **PRNS Report**

### **Gerontology Specialist Adriana Copado:**

Membership is at 1449. Financials were discussed noting purchases for Seniors. The speaker's sound system in the Community Room has been replaced.

## **Member Reports**

**Rich Sanders** Updated the Events Master Calendar.

We are still looking for entertainment for the Italian/Mediterranean Dinner.

Diwali is from 12-3pm on Sat Oct 15<sup>th</sup>; planning continues.

Looking for Co-Chairs for Thanksgiving Dinner and Holiday Lunch.

**Sally Sargent** reported on the number of people signed up for Graton Casino trip.

**Marti Degutis**, Co-Chair of the Italian/Mediterranean Dinner, said everything was in place; 107 tickets sold to date. Still looking for raffle and game prizes.

**Jeanne Sanders:** Announced that the Out to Lunch Bunch is going to Alicia's Mexican food in Cambrian Plaza.

**Angela Giles**, assistant to Assemblyman Stone, said the Legislative Session is over, and passed legislation is in front of the Governor for signing.

Almaden Quicksilver Event with Supervisor Mike Wasserman was very successful.

Passes are still available for Santa Clara County Parks for the year.

Assemblymember Stone was thanked again for the California flag he presented to the Community Center.

**New Business: none**

**Adjournment**

**Almaden Senior Association Meeting Minutes**  
**October 5, 2016**

**President Bill Hubka** opened the meeting.

**Secretary Marlene Duffin** distributed the Minutes of the September 2016 meeting, which were approved with a few spelling corrections.

**Treasurer Art Randall** reported

- Operating Income: \$5901.44
- Expenses \$3,966.57
- Operating Balance to Date: \$11,010.65. The report was filed for audit.

**Councilmember Khamis:**

- Handed out a chart on how the different Measures on the November Ballot will affect taxes of San Jose residents depending on where you live and whether or not you are a senior citizen.
- There are other tax measures on the ballot but were difficult to specify costs to individuals; example: increase in sales tax depends on how much you spend.
- Some VTA routes are being eliminated in Almaden Valley because of low ridership.

**Assistant to Councilmember Khamis Denelle Fedor:**

- This is “Fall Prevention Month”; she handed out a 2017 calendar for us from the state.

**Senior Citizens Commissioner Vince Tarpey** said the City of San Jose has applied to the World Health Organization for status as an “Age Friendly City”

**Assemblymember Stone’s Rep Angela Gile:**

- November Ballot Voter Guide is on line: [voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov)
- As of 10/5 Loma fire 92% contained. She answered a question about the cause and noted, not officially, it could have been a marijuana farm.
- Assemblymember Stone had a bill signed into law that provides information to students about loan debt servicers.

**PRNS Reports**

**Adriana Copado**

- Nov 1 begins the sign-up for 2017 membership
- Fall Harvest Festival is coming in Oct
- Center was closed because of a flood in the lobby due to a broken ice machine; this has been repaired
- A new Cooking Class for active adults (50+) will be added to winter classes. The Association Board voted to provide \$300 to help get this going. The money will be used for purchase of supplies. A free demo workshop will be held in November or December.

## **Member Reports**

### **Rich Sanders:**

- Events Master Calendar Update for 2016. He and Jeannie will Co-Chair the Thanksgiving event and Adrianna will Chair the Holiday Brunch. They are looking for entertainment for both events.
- The proposed Events Calendar for 2017 was presented.
- Rich was thanked for organizing the Phantom of the Opera excursion; it was a great success.

**Sally Sargent** reported on upcoming trips.

- The Graton Casino Bus is full.
- Thunder Valley Casino trip is coming up in December. A flyer is currently being circulated.

**Jeanne Sanders** reported on the Italian Mediterranean Event: 160 persons attended; Country Inn provided main meal; accordion player was super.

**Out to Lunch Bunch:** meeting at BJ's Restaurant in Oakridge Mall, Oct 13, 11:30am.

**Veterans Day Flag dedication** to be held Nov 10 at Senior Nutrition; new flags have been donated by Assemblyman Stone (California flag) and US Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (US flag). Bill Hubka donated the flag poles.

**Jim Kuhl** provided information from the recent meeting of the District 10 Leadership Collation.

### **New Business**

**Bill Hubka** announced the Nominating Committee report for the term 2017-2018, the following persons are candidates: Treasurer Art Randall, Secretary Janet Haver. The nominated candidates will be voted on at the November meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at that meeting.

### **Charitable Donations Policy**

The Association's Charitable Donations Policy and Procedure were discussed. These are being put onto the website for general review and implementation beginning January 2017. Donations will be made in accordance with the Policy, and in response to a Request for Funding.

**AVCA Ballot Measures:** The Almaden Valley Community Association is sponsoring a public discussion of upcoming ballot measures affecting taxes in San Jose; meeting will start at 6pm on Monday, Oct 10, at Westgate Church.

**A motion** concerning adding the total bank balance on the monthly financial statement, which was tabled at the September meeting, was addressed by President Hubka. He pointed out that the question had been asked and answered at the August meeting, that this is a Board decision, and that further discussion was unnecessary. Consequently, the motion was tabled indefinitely.

## **The Almaden Senior Association Meeting**

November 2, 2016 by

Secretary Marlene Duffin Marlduffin@aol.com

**President Bill Hubka** called the meeting to order.

**Treasurer Art Randall reported:**

Operating Income for month: \$2,523.62; Expenses: \$2,511.94.

Balance for year to date: \$13,534.27. Report was accepted and filed for audit.

**Business:** Election of 2017 Officers

Art Randall was elected treasurer for the 2017-2018 association year. Congratulations Art.

**The position of Secretary remains open.** Please let Bill know if you are interested in this position.

**D10 Councilmember Johnny Khamis**

- The City is discussing the Community Choice Aggregation process. It would be a new line of business for the City, involving dropping PG&E's role as the City's retail energy provider and having the City negotiate rates and purchase energy directly from the community of wholesale energy providers. The City would then resell to the users, and would have control over energy rates in place of the PUC. Consumer energy rates could wind up being higher. PG&E owns the transmission network and the cost of maintaining the network would be passed along to the consumer. Councilmember Khamis is seeking input from the community on this initiative.

**Senior Citizens Commissioner Vince Tarpey:**

- The County has a concern with unlicensed in-home care assistants, and is proposing a registry and regulations.
- Community Block Grants are now being reviewed for local uses including food and nutrition.

**Assemblyman Stone's Representative Angela Gile** said the Assemblyman plans to attend the Senior Association's Thanksgiving event.

**PRNS Reports** Gerontology Specialist Adriana Copado

We have 1480 members to date. Sign-ups for 2017 began November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The "Senior Bake Sale" at the Harvest Fair raised around \$777 that was donated to youth services at the Community Center.

**Vice President Rich Sanders** reviewed the **Events Master Calendar and Trips:**

- The Thanksgiving Event is on schedule and the December Holiday Event, Chaired by Adriana, is moving ahead.

**2017 Calendar Review**

- At present the Committee is working with Bateman on the St Patrick's Day and Thanksgiving lunches. Costs will be around \$8.
- New ideas this upcoming year include a Casino Party in April, a "Springtime in Paris" event in June and in September a Mystery Dinner.

**Narender Virmani** reported on the Diwali event. 160 attended, had both traditional and Bollywood dancers, great food, large raffle. Costs were covered with only a slight deficit. Thanked all. The mayor and Councilman both attended.

**Out To Lunch:** Adriana announced would be at Panera Bread, 11:30am, Nov 10.

**Veterans Day Flag Celebration** will also be on Nov 10. Bill Hubka will host a flag retirement and new flag presentation at 11:30am in the Community Room.

**New Business**

President Hubka discussed a “New Revised Agenda” for meetings due to time constraints, and the importance of having written information for attendees at the meeting. The reports would be on the back of the Agenda.

**Almaden Valley Senior Commission Meeting Notes**  
**December 7, 2016**

- I. **Call to Order/Announcements**
- II. **Reading and Acceptance of Nov. 2016 Meeting Minutes (Bill Hubka)**
  - a. Acceptance moved by Jack and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim
- III. **Treasurers Report Provided by Art Randall**
  - a. Overall conversation included Thunder Valley trip cancelled, Sysco grocery bill, various expenses for brunch, Cinco de Mayo, etc., not yet complete.
  - b. Art will close out books for the year and coordinate with others as needed to consolidate various final totals. Art will bring to board in Jan. 2017 for a final vote.
- IV. **January Meeting date different—AVSA will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday—Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> not the 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- V. **D10 Report**—spoke about the new Councilmembers starting in Jan. 2017, proposed Winfield development dropped, Councilmember Khamis working to encourage Open Space Authority (OSA) to purchase property. Cleaning up graffiti—looking at Oakland’s example of suing state of CA if they do not clean up graffiti in a timely manner, Police Officers recruitment looking positive, D10 had Coffee with a Cop—opportunity for community to talk with police officers, Recruitment for dispatchers, Rangers, other dept. to be put on one brochure. Small Business Article encouraging folks to take pictures at local eateries.
- VI. **Vince Tarpey**—Update on the City of San Jose Senior Commission. (1) Unlicensed care givers. Commission is looking at creating a list for qualified care givers do to the concern of unlicensed givers and/or those who may have alternative motives. (2) Looking at homes in neighborhoods—do they have inspections on a regular basis to ensure safety and health issues.
- VII. **Angela Gile (Assembly member Stone Office)**—Shared CA has social services for Home Care Services Protection Act (2010) has a public list of caregiver background information—[caregiverbackgroundcheck.com](http://caregiverbackgroundcheck.com)—shares status of license, etc.
- VIII. **Dominique Pacolba**—Dominique spoke to membership, went over the overall budget at \$329.45 to be rolled over to 2017-included estimation of cost of police, spoke of the strong support for ensuring successful gatherings—volunteers for the brunch, Christmas tree decorating, kitchen crew, and the volunteer leadership of Rich and Jeanne. Charles Schulz museum trip in Feb. Motion was made to disperse funds—Motion by Monica and second by Steve Mellows. Burglar/Fire alarm is fixed, green chairs have been donated by the Camden Community Center, and the purple chairs will be in the community room. Adrian is putting together an organization chart that shares what furniture, etc., goes in what room. This will help when items are borrowed. Dominique is overseeing Preschool Program, therefore, she may not always be in the office as much as she is now. Jessica is under filling and Joanne will fill in. Lights in the community room and hallway in process of replacing—taking a little longer to do the complexity, he is doing a grid for future repair work. Steve asked if the budget could include cleaning ceilings—Recommendation was that it should be done 1x a year at least. Motion by Steve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janet.

IX. **Rich and Jeanne Sanders Updates**—Thunder Valley trip canceled, March event—will need to hear back from food support—Adrian will follow up, June event is on June 10<sup>th</sup> NOT the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 needs people to Chair—only have 3 people so far, Rich asked folks to look at their calendars and see what help they could offer. Jeanne provided Thanksgiving update-160 people in attendance-made \$312-everything was great, raffle, Sandy/Mike entertainment, prices and cleanup went well/lots of volunteer support. Request was made for Bateman to do 4-20 pound turkeys or turkey breasts so that turkey does not run out.

X. **Out to Lunch Group**

Group will be having lunch at La Playita—all are welcome to join.

XI. **Friends of Almaden Library**

Monica shared that the Friends raised and gave \$4,445 to the Library in addition to giving \$5,000 in May 2016. Monica thanked those who helped take down the stage—shared that it was very important and she was very grateful. Next board meeting in Jan. 2017 and all are welcome.

XII. **Adjournment**