

April 3, 2024 ASA Meeting

Call to order and announcements at 10:02 am by President Rich Sanders. The ASA Board approved a donation of \$500 to the July 4th Event at Almaden Lake Park and a donation of \$750 for the Summer Concert Series at Greystone Park. ASA received a commendation from D10 Councilmember Arjun Batra. There is an AVCA meeting with Mayor Matt Mahan concerning budget priorities on April 15 at 7 pm at Westgate Church. The ASA is still searching for a new president.

Minutes – M/S/P to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Lavallee reported deposits of \$2233 and payments of \$3487.93. The year to date is -\$1514.39.

D10 Councilmember Arjun Batra discussed the opening of the Fire Training Academy and Emergency Operations at 1571 Senter Road. Public tours are available. He also expressed the need to get rid of encampments and offering interim shelters for the homeless. On April 13 from 9 – 12 there will be a Shredding and E-Waste Event at Victory Outreach and a Town Hall concerning Public Safety on April 13 from 2 – 3 pm at ACC.

D5 County Supervisor representative Peter Estaniel discussed online accessibility – expanding connectivity, affordable computers, and skills to navigate the internet for seniors. He also mentioned an older adult care-givers study and mental health options. There are openings on county boards and commissions.

Senior Commissioner D10 Donna Tran gave updates from the last meeting – income tax appointments and teeth screening are available at community centers, a color walk on May 17, and Senior Nutrition Programs are progressing well.

RYDE representative Sam Piencenaves discussed the Reach Your Destination Easily Program. It serves seniors 65+ and a companion. Fees are on a sliding scale, a maximum of 8 miles or 16 miles for medical appointments, Monday – Friday from 8 am to 4 pm, and appointments can be made a minimum of 2 days in advance or up to 2 months in advance. Call 408-892-9739.

PRNS – Lesly Elizondo reported that ASA has 1179 senior members, 30 Newsletters are mailed to members, and the Membership Fund has \$3373.01. The Senior Nutrition Program has changed from a monthly to a weekly reservation system. She thanked the ASA for sponsoring a band at the Summer Concert Series. A mural will be painted on the staircase wall in May. Senior registration for classes will begin on May 1. See the Newsletter for Events and Classes.

Trips – Rich Sanders reported that the Whale Watching trip was a success. April 19 will be the Cirque du Soleil trip.

Events – Jeanne Sanders reported on the Cinco de Mayo event on May 4 from 12 – 3 which will include lunch and entertainment. Tickets are \$22 for members and \$25 for non-members and will go on sale on April 15.

No old or new business

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am. Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Entin, Recording Secretary

March 6, 2024 ASA Meeting

Call to Order at 10:02 am by President Rich Sanders.

Minutes – It was M/S/P to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurer’s Report – Bill Lavallee reported deposits of \$5685 and payments of \$3362.31. YTD = -\$159.46

City Council D10 Chief of Staff Michelle Dexter reported on the successful Oakridge Senior Winter Walk as well as the Shredding and E-waste activity, Dumpster Day will occur at Mescalero Drive on March 16 from 8 – 12, Talk with Batra is on March 23 on Zoom.

Julie del Fava and Peter Estaniel from the D5 County Supervisor’s Office reported on Services for Seniors – provided Senior Services brochures and flyers as well as discussing the RYDE program (Reach Your Destination Easily).

Nina Chung from State Assemblymember D28 Assemblymember Gail Pellerin’s Office discussed legislation – issues with AI in the election process, civic education programs at the high school level, mental health bills, making the banana slug the state slug, and the winter intern, Alex Tingle, was introduced.

Senior Commissioner D10 Donna Tran reported on the commission’s recommendations for the San Jose budget.

PRNS – ACC Supervisor Ruth Perez reported that the center will be closed on April 1, the sound system and projector have been repaired. Jared Pagan is the new Interim Sports and Fitness Specialist. There are 1092 ASA members, 27 ASA members have their newsletters mailed to them, and there is \$3410.06 in the Membership Fund. See the ACC Newsletter for March and April classes and events.

Trips – Donna Smith reported on the Graton Casino Trip on March 16 and the Whale Watching Trip on March 26.

Events – Jeanne Sanders reported that 100 tickets have been sold for the March 16 St. Patrick’s Day event. Upcoming activities include Cinco de Mayo Luncheon on May 4 and a Beach Theme Party on July 13.

Old Business – Art Randall gave the ASA Annual Audit Report. His audit committee included Jeanne Sanders, Marcella and Gary Gulmon. They found that the financial and audit procedures are obsolete and need to be revised. There were no improper procedures for 2023 and documentation has improved dramatically. Rich Sanders reported that cloud storage of all documents has been set up.

Status of ASA Officer Search – We need a new President, Secretary and Treasurer for 2025. David Heindel and Michelle Dexter will publish job descriptions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Entin, Recording Secretary

February 7, 2024 ASA Minutes

Call to order at 10:03 am by President Rich Sanders

Minutes – M/S/P to accept the minutes as written

Treasurer's Report – Bill Lavallee reported deposits of \$1755 and payments of \$4337.15. YTD = - \$2582.15

Chief of Staff for Councilmember Batra Michelle Dexter stated that more budget information is needed from the public, office hours and pancake breakfast on February 17 at the Santa Teresa Library, February 23 Winter Walk at Oakridge Mall from 8 – 10 am, February 24 E-waste shredding at Victory Outreach Church from 9 – 12. There was a long discussion of budgets and cuts of programs in San Jose.

PRNS – ACC Supervisor Ruth Perez reported that there are 920 ASA members, 23 newsletters are mailed to members, and there is \$3447.11 in the Membership Fund. See the newsletter for ACC holidays, closures and class registration on February 21 at 10 am. Some of the sound system in the Community Room has been fixed.

Trips – Donna Smith reported on the Graton Casino trip on March 19 for \$50, Whale Watching trip from Moss Landing on March 26 for \$65, and Cirque du Soleil trip on April 19 for \$85.

Events – Jeanne Sanders discussed the St. Patrick's Day lunch on Saturday, March 16 at noon. There will be Irish music and an extensive menu- \$22 for members and \$25 for non-members. Future events include Cinco de Mayo and a Summer Beach Party theme party.

Old Business – The ASA Board authorized the purchase of an ASA logo tablecloth to be displayed at local events.

New Business – The Audit Committee will include Art Randall, Jeanne Sanders, Marcella and Gary Gulmon. The results will be reported at the ASA meeting in March. Monica Bellizzi will head a committee concerning the future of the ASA.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Entin, Recording Secretary

January 10, 2024, ASA Association Meeting

Call to order at 10:02am by President Rich Sanders. He announced that his term ended on Jan 1 but the ASA board appointed him and he agreed to be the interim president for a term of no more than one year.

Minutes – M/S/P to accept minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report - Bill LaVallee – gave the annual report for 2023. Total Expenses \$29,663.14. Total Deposits \$32,007.71. That leaves a profit of \$2344.57.

D10 Councilmember Arjun Batra announced that the ASA will be receiving a commendation for their work with seniors. Senior activities are so important to the community. His top priority will be homelessness in San Jose. They are looking into housing facilities at a reasonable cost.

There was a discussion on the homeless in vehicles, particularly RV's, on the streets. Rich Sanders commented that people in vehicles should have a safe place to park off the streets. Michele Dexter commented that there is a VTA parking lot on Santa Teresa Ave defined for safe parking. It will hold 42 RVs of which 39 are currently taken. Many also need another space for a second vehicle. All the vehicles need to be licensed and insured. The safe parking lot will be maintained and secured. There are currently 700 vehicles on the streets so more needs to be done.

Rich Crowley commented that social services have been in control over the years but have not been successful. What will SCC and the City do to work together? CM stated that the county will be taking over.

Cheryl Washington thanked Rich C for the question and comments. She stated the facilities need to be sanitary and maintained. CM stated that BeautifySJ will be in charge. Cheryl wants to know how many people can live in one home. CM stated SCC housing facility oversees that, and section 8 housing.

February 24th there will be a shredding/E-waste event at Victory Outreach Church.

January 20th is a CERT leadership training event from 8am-12pm.

The fraud prevention workshop was very successful. They plan to have more workshops and include everyone instead of just seniors.

The city budget was discussed. There will be no decisions until April. Now is the time to give feedback to Mayor Mahan with your thoughts.

Julie Del Fava representing D5 County Supervisor Joe Simitian's office answered questions brought up earlier. Citizens need to talk to Social Services or to her office about their concerns. She will also find out about the question of how many people can occupy a home.

Rich Crowley mentioned the pedestrian death at Almaden/Camden after the renovation of that corner. We need more information on why that happened. Julie will work to supply that information.

PRNS – Ruth Perez was not present. Lesly Elizondo reported that 33 classes began this week. Coming up there will be 2 digital workshops through AARP. February 12 is the Palentine's painting party. Movie day continues. There were 1348 members for 2023 and so far, 819 for 2024. They are continuing to work on lighting and leaks around the center. Alarms are being worked on. It was stated that we need more communication to the members on what to do when alarms go off during classes. The center will be closed on January 15 for MLK and on February 9 for Lunar NY.

Events – Jeanne reported that the soup party on January 13th is sold out. The next event will be St. Patrick's Day party on March 16th.

Trips – Donna reported that she is still selling tickets for Chicago on February 24th and Graton casino trip on March 19th. The trips team is working on other possible trips such as whale watching, poinsettias farm and fleet week.

Old Business – Election – Rich Sanders accepted the position of interim president for a term of no more than one year. Rich asked if there are any objections to using the unanimous consent process to elect Donna Smith as Vice President. No one objected. Donna accepted a second term of 2 years as Vice President.

Michele Dexter of CM Batra's office announced the AVCA meeting on Monday, January 15th at 7pm at Westgate Church will be a forum for the candidates running for D10 council.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectively submitted by Jeanne Sanders substituting for Marilyn Entin