

August 7, 2024 ASA Meeting

Call to order and announcements at 10:05 am by President Rich Sanders. ASA is searching for new candidates for the Board of Directors.

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

Treasurer's Report – Bill Lavallee reported deposits of \$3163.00 and payments of \$2084.59. YTD = (\$537.28)

City Council D10 Chief of Staff Michelle Dexter reported that the motion to vote on the tax measure for the upcoming ballot was deferred. There will be Dumpster Days in August and September.

Julie Del Fava of County Supervisor Joe Simitian's office gave updates on We're Building Together for Silicon Valley (working with homeowners to see what they need in homes), AT&T will continue serving the area, Santa Clara County needs applicants for boards and commissions, Supervisor Simitian will be available at Princeton Plaza from 9:30 to 10:30 on September 15 and be aware of fire dangers on Almaden Expressway.

Guest Speakers Marcella Gulmon and Colleen Alger – They discussed the 80-year history of the Santa Clara County Fair and Heritage Hall. Their purpose is to collect, preserve, document and share items from the County Fair over the past 80 years.

PRNS – Karen Aguirre reported that the summer programs are ending and the roof repair will continue through mid-October. Lesly Elizondo stated that there are 1438 ASA members, 34 Newsletters are mailed to members and there is \$3086.36 in the Membership Fund. She thanked the ASA for supporting the Summer Concert Series. See the Newsletter for upcoming classes and activities.

Trips – Donna Smith reported on the Cache Creek Casino trip on September 17 for \$50. Clue tickets are being sold for the November 2nd performance. There will be a Travel Presentation on Scotland at the Almaden Community Center on Wednesday, September 25 at 10 am. Admission is free.

Events – Jeanne Sanders reported on the September to Remember event on September 21 from 12 – 3 pm. Tickets go on sale on August 26: \$22 for ASA members and \$25 for non-members. Please wear and/or bring memorabilia from the 50's, 60's or 70's.

No Old Business

New Business – AVCA, D10 Leadership Coalition, ASA and D10 YLC are sponsoring upcoming meetings at Westgate Church: August 12 at 7 pm – Law and order on the November ballot, September 9 – D10 Councilmember candidates, October 14 at 7 pm – County Supervisor candidates. These meetings are in-person and on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Entin, recording secretary

July 3, 2024 ASA Meeting

Call to order and announcements at 10:12 am by President Rich Sanders. Keep cool in this hot weather.

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

Treasurer's Report – Bill Lavalley reported deposits of \$1295.10 and payments of \$50,746.55 (includes transfer to Chase Bank for 9-month CD). YTD: -\$1715.69

San Jose CERT speaker, Lee Steckmest stated that we need to take care of ourselves first and then neighbors when there is an emergency. He discussed how to prepare for disasters such as fires, earthquakes, and flooding. PG&E Safety Center is a very good website. San Jose Office of Emergency Management recommends a Family Emergency Kit (grab and go bag). You can't control disasters, but you can control what you do.

Rob Moore from Assemblyperson Pellerin's office gave some updates. The state passed the budget (10% deficit), bill to ban AI in elections, bill to mandate that new gas stoves have a warning label, daycare pool safety rule and a farmworkers housing bill.

PRNS – Lesly Elizondo stated that the center is closed on July 4. There are 1354 ASA members, 36 Newsletters are mailed to members, and there is \$3086.36 in the Membership Fund. Senior Registration for the Fall Semester classes will occur on Wednesday, July 17 at 10 am. See the Newsletter for upcoming classes and events.

Trips – Donna Smith stated that tickets are still available for the August 14 Chardonnay trip, Cache Creek Casino trip on September 10 and Clue play on November 2.

Events – Jeanne Sanders discussed the Beach Party Picnic on July 13 from noon to 3 pm. Tickets are \$22 for members and \$25 for nonmembers.

Old Business – We are still looking for candidates for President, Secretary and Treasurer of ASA. Please consider joining our Board of Directors.

No New Business

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.

Our August meeting will occur on Wednesday, August 7 at 10 am in the Almaden Library Program Room.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Entin, Recording Secretary

June 5, 2024 ASA Meeting

Call to order and announcements at 10:02 am by President Rich Sanders. We need new board members. Please apply.

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

Treasurer's Report – Bill Lavallee reported deposits of \$394 and payments of \$1965.29. YTD = -\$2264.24. ASA opened a 9-month CD account at Chase Bank.

Councilmember D10 Arjun Batra stated that we are currently in the budget process, the city is in a good position, greater participation is needed in other areas of San Jose, Summer Concert Series is being extended to other San Jose parks, a fraud prevention workshop was held, public safety workshops are continuing, San Jose is looking for new police recruits and is adopting new technologies to track crimes (cameras, license plate readers and AI pilot for locating illegal dumping), and the July 4th celebration at Almaden Lake is coming soon.

Rob Moore from Assemblymember Pellerin's office reported that the assembly is working on the state budget. There will be budget cuts and the assembly is trying to restore some of these cuts. The councilmember has 2 bills – daycare safety and making it illegal to use AI in the electoral process. A September 14 Resource Fair will be held in Los Gatos.

Myrna Srouji from the Mayor's office stated that on June 11 there will be a vote on the city's budget proposal.

Peter Estaniel from the D5 County Supervisor's Office stated that the county passed legislation concerning ADU's. The 2024-2025 budget needs to be balanced by the end of June. The Senior Nutrition Program needs to make sure that everyone is served, parks in New Almaden have been beautified, cooling centers are available in the city and county, and Happy Hollow Senior Safari has free parking at Happy Hollow between 9 and 10 am on certain dates.

Donna Tran, the Senior Commission representative from D10 stated that there are no major updates.

PRNS – Supervisor Ruth Perez is moving to the Mayfair Community Center and Karen Aguirre will be our new supervisor. The mural art project at ACC begins today, summer and leisure camps begin on June 10, roof replacement starts August 5 and the center is closed on June 19. Senior Specialist Lesly Elizondo reported that there are 1305 ASA members, 32 newsletters are mailed to members, and there is \$3483.39 in the Membership Fund. See Newsletter for events and classes.

Trips – Donna Smith reported on the August 14 Chardonnay trip and 5 shows at Broadway San Jose will be coming up in the 2024-2025 season.

Events – Jeanne Sanders reported on the upcoming Beach Party at ACC on July 13. The cost will be \$22 for members and \$25 for nonmembers.

Old Business – Jeanne Sanders reported on the Savers FunDrive for non-profits. The ASA received \$301.10.

No new business – Announcement – D10 Leadership Coalition meeting on June 8 at Santa Teresa Library

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am. Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Entin, Recording Secretary

May 1, 2024 ASA Meeting

Call to order and announcements at 10:03 am by President Rich Sanders. The San Jose Senior Commission received an invitation for Volunteer Appreciation at 1 pm at the San Jose City Council Meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report – Bill Lavallee reported deposits of \$2307 and payments of \$1485.56. YTD= -\$692.95

D10 Councilmember Arjun Batra reported that budget priorities have been published. There will be a ground-breaking ceremony at Villa del Oro on May 1 at 11 am, information is coming on builders who want to construct townhomes near schools, the Neighborhood Commission was suspended, PRNS needs to come out with a new proposal to support neighborhood associations and the city's interest in electricity versus gas usage. There are questions of reliability of the electric supply by PG&E.

D5 County Supervisor representative Peter Estaniel reported on mental health for older adults – adding skilled nursing facilities, suicide prevention, adding to technology programs, increased mental health staff and a caregivers' access report. Supervisor Simitian will meet with constituents on June 2 from 11:30 – 12:30 at Princeton Plaza.

Senior Commission D10 – Donna Tran reported on May Older Adult Month, San Jose Senior Commission today at Kirk Center, City Council Commendation for Volunteerism on May 7, PRNS has a strategic plan report that deems D10 a healthy area and the Senior Nutrition Program is successful.

PRNS – Lesly Elizondo reported that senior registration for the summer semester begins on Wednesday, May 1 at 10 am. There are 1225 ASA members, 31 Newsletters are mailed to members, and there is \$3373.01 in the Membership Fund. The Pine Needle Basket and Spring Wreath events were very successful. See the Newsletter for events and classes. Ruth Perez stated that the ACC roof will be replaced in August. The Neighborhood Services Room will be closed from June to August for summer camp classes. The small room next door will be open for book check-out from 8 – 10 am.

Trips – Donna Smith reported on a successful Whale-Watching trip. She is looking into upcoming San Jose shows and a Chardonnay trip in August.

Events – Jeanne Sanders reported that the Cinco de Mayo party will take place on Saturday, May 4 at noon. There will be food and entertainment. The cost is \$22 for members and \$25 for non-members. There will be a beach-themed party on July 13.

No Old Business

New Business – The Savers FunDrive program for non-profits will take place from May 6 – June 11. Please bring donated items on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 – 10 am. See flyer for details.

D10 Coalition meeting changed from June 1 to June 8 at Santa Teresa Library at 9 am – noon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Entin, Recording Secretary

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 Lavalley 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