

## Soledad Club Board of Directors Meeting September 23, 2014

**Call to Order:** the meeting was called to order by President Sandy Howland at 10:15 a.m.

**Members Present:** Board members present were Sandy Howland, Sanford Schane, Monica Dlugos, Dru Seidel, Patti Gorman, Philip Nerhood, Linda Shoheit, Sally Cain, Juliann Byrne. Lynne Batchelor was absent. Member Mary Ingle was in attendance.

President Howland noted that the sole purpose of this meeting was to discuss paying certain officers a "stipend". She noted that our bylaws state that the President may call additional meetings, that nothing in our bylaws prohibits paying stipends and that in section 7 it states; "Board of Directors meetings shall be held, at a minimum, quarterly per year and are open to all members but only Board of Directors may make motions and vote. Members may be heard when recognized by the chair." Sanford also researched & found nothing against paying stipends to officers in Robert's Rules or in California regulations. Since Lynne Batchelor, Recording Secretary & volunteer to serve as President for 2015 was unable to attend the meeting, she sent a statement via email that Sandy read to the Board. It is attached for the record and notes her reasons for serving as President if a stipend is a part of the position but would not serve should no stipend be approved.

President Howland also stated that due to all the controversy on how the stipends came about, we would eliminate the approval for said stipends from the June 18, 2014 meeting, the July 24, 2014 meeting and the September 17, 2014 meeting. She provided a 1 page document stating how the idea of stipends came about & the need for stipends in order to have persons serve on the board, what their duties were and the need to run the Club in the most professional manner.

The gas stipends were briefly discussed & determined that no change was necessary to those so they remain as is which is \$50 per month for the President, Secretary & Supplies Chair.

The stipends under discussion are:

President - \$300.00 per month  
Treasurer - \$200.00 per month  
Recording Secretary - \$100.00 per month

Phil Nerhood made a motion to approve said stipends effective September 1, 2014 and Juliann Byrne seconded. There was a general discussion which followed. Sally Cain noted that in the past more members volunteered both their time and money & Patti Gorman agreed. As members have gotten older, it has become harder & harder to get volunteers to serve as well as to host club parties. The motion was passed unanimously. Sandy expressed her opinion that she hoped this resolved the matter satisfactorily for all present.

Kudos were expressed to Sandy Howland for the fantastic job she has done for the Club. Sandy Howland thanked everyone for these kind thoughts. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dru Seidel, Corresponding Secretary