

Soledad Club Board & General Membership Meeting

September 17, 2014

Call to Order: the meeting was called to order by President Sandy Howland at 9:03 a.m.

Introductions: Sandy introduced Lynne Batchelor who has been appointed Recording Secretary.

Members Present: Sandy Howland, Sanford Schane, Monica Dlugos, Dru Seidel, Patti Gorman, Philip Nerhood, Dolores Ward, Linda Shohet, Shirley Smith, Mary Ingle, Sally Cain, Martha Philippi, Dorrine Simmering, Juliann Byrne, Lynne Batchelor

Minutes: Sanford Schane made a motion which was seconded by Phil Nerwood to approve the minutes of the 7/24 meeting as distributed. The motion carried.

President's Report: Sandy Howland reported that the lease is getting closer to resubmission. We hope to get on the October agenda for approval. The attorney was not able to negotiate a reduction in the rent or any help on the expenses of the repairs made on the balcony. We have requested a 5 year lease with a 5 year extension with no increase in the rent. Sandy reported that the Hatfield Trust approved our suggestions for spending the money and they will release \$130,000 to us soon. Sandy reminded members that she will be on vacation from 10/20 to 11/21. Members may contact Lynne or Monica during her absence for assistance. The website is almost ready to go live and is very informative and user-friendly. Directors and board members will be able to do their own posting. Kim will have a training session on using the new site.

2nd Vice President's Report: Sally Cain reported that Monica's group will host the Dec 6 party and that we will have a New Year's potluck. The party will include small gifts for all and acknowledgements for exceptional volunteers. Appetizers will be served around 11:00 and dinner around 3. In response to member requests we will be changing the menus this year. It has been decided to offer the Christmas party free to members and to charge guests \$25. We can handle approximately 112-120 people, so sign-ups will be required. The committee will ask about having 2 serving lines and decide how to organize the lines. A suggestion was made to have more parties but after discussion it was decided not to add them at this time. The club party dates are 1/1 New Year's, 3/21 Club Birthday, 6/27 Independence Day, 12/12 Christmas. Sally will choose the dates for the club lunches in the next 2 weeks.

Treasurer's Report: the current account balance in checking is \$23,070.03; the money market account balance is \$55,323.51; the Saving Account balance is \$10,014.50; total balance is \$68,379.04. We do not have a budget. The financial report will be filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary: Dru Seidel reported the passing of members Pauline Menzel, Lorraine Dorfman and Mary Koll. We have 4 new members Aleem and Shakila Patel, Iris Klepp and Karen Karagozian.

Charity Report: Linda Shohet reported that we will not have a canned food drive this year. She will be distributing \$7,500 to local charities this year.

Bridge: Phil Nerhood reported that Larry Sherman will be the new director at the Thursday night game. At the October 7th, Tuesday game we will have a birthday cake for Natalie Doerner who will be 100. The card shuffler is missing; please return it, if you have it.

Parliamentarian: Sanford Schane asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. The committee will include Patti Gorman, Dolores Ward, Mary Ingle, Shirley Smith and Sanford Schane.

Old Business: there was a request for clarification of the monthly stipends: \$100 for recording secretary, \$200 for Treasurer, \$300 for President plus a \$50 gas stipend per officer. Questions were raised about who voted for the stipends. The process was explained as well at the vote to pay stipends from the Hatfield Trust.

Adjournment: Phil Nerwood moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Lynne Batchelor
Recording Secretary