

## **Soledad Club General Membership Meeting**

**November 4, 2014**

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Lynne Batchelor at 10:15 a.m.

Members Present: Lynne Batchelor, Phil Nerhood, Patti Gorman, Mary Ingle, Monica Dlugos, Juliann Byrne, Sanford Schane, Shirley Smith, Sally Cain, Linda Shohet, Larry Sherman.

Minutes: The minutes of the regular board meeting of September 17 and the special meeting of September 23 were approved as distributed.

President's Report: the report from Sandy Howland was read indicating that the lease renewal has been reviewed by our attorney and sent back to the city. Sandy will have limited contact between October 20 and November 21, so contact Lynne Batchelor or Monica Dlugos. The Hatfield Trust monies have been deposited into a new Money Market Account. Kim Dumas will set up a training for directors and board members to be trained on the new website.

It was noted that the website lists the home addresses of members with open access to the general public. It needs to be under a member's only section with password protection. Linda Shohet requested specifically to have her address removed, although all agreed that this is not acceptable as currently formatted.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report: Sally Cain reported that we will reinstate the New Year's Day Potluck. Future catering and menus will change to reflect members' desires for more variety and less chicken. The Christmas party will be open only to members and will be on a first come sign-up basis, as we can only accommodate about 112. Appetizers will be out early and the prime rib buffet will be at 3:30 p.m. Small gifts will be given to all in attendance and other presentations will be made in recognition of outstanding work for the club. The dates for the free lunches will be posted soon. There was discussion about returning to the Halloween Party and to having more parties. Although members enjoy the parties, alas most parties are hosted by Monica's group and they need relief. The board does not object to the holiday themed parties but members must step up to host for this to happen. Patti Gorman made a motion to purchase an artificial tree with a cost of up to \$500. The motion carried. The tree will be purchased by Monica Dlugos and decorated prior to the party.

Treasurer's Report: Monica Dlugos reported a balance in the checking account of \$21,682.52, the money market account of \$45,334.10, the SD of \$5,214.50 and the Hatfield Trust of \$127,077.01. Mario owes \$900 for shed rent as he hasn't paid for 9 months. A letter will be sent to him informing him that the locks will be changed November 15. Renee Hirsh will work with him to get this issue resolved. Phil Nerhood made a motion to give the treasurer the authority to spend up to \$750 per item from the Hatfield Trust with a monthly total expenditure not to exceed \$2000 without approval from the President and to provide a detailed monthly report of the expenditures. The motion carried. A discussion was held regarding how to best

report profit and loss so as not to overburden our already overworked treasurer while providing the necessary information for the board to perform their fiduciary responsibilities. Phil will work with Monica to see how to accomplish this.

Charities: Linda Shohet provided information on all the charities we are supporting and on how she chooses the charities and her personal outreach to those organizations. She showed a calendar from Horses of Tir Na Nog in Pine Valley and spoke about them. We supported 17 non-profits for a total contribution of \$7,500 (4 organizations had matching grants). Our contributions included the birds, bees and a canyon through 2 environmental groups, shelters for abused mothers and children, programming at the library, academic and athletic support at 3 high schools, meals for seniors, blankets and bottles for foster babies, 6 museum at school programs, purchasing musical instruments for a boys/girls club, adult education programs at 2 facilities, grants for students to attend 2 performing arts venues and medical care and food for abandoned horses. Next year she will further pursue matching grant opportunities. She requests a February posting to announce the pantry items collection on March 21 .Mr. Nice Guys was suggested as a possible future recipient.

Bridge: Larry Sherman has taken over the Thursday evening game.

Parliamentarian: Sanford Schane thanked the members of the nominating committee Mary Ingle, Patricia Gorman, Shirley Smith and Dolores Ward for making over 100 phone calls to produce our full slate of officers. The slate is: Lynne Batchelor President; Larry Sherman 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Shirley Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Sandy Howland Recording Secretary; Patricia Gorman Corresponding Secretary; Monica Dlugos Treasurer; Phil Nerhood Bridge Director; Julie Byrne Housekeeping Director; Linda Shohet Charities Director, Sanford Schane Parliamentarian. The slate was elected by acclamation.

New Business: We need copies of the Policies and Procedures for the newly elected slate and updated folders for them as well. We need to review and revise if necessary our investment policies.

The board meetings for the next term will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Lynne Batchelor, Recording Secretary