

MINUTES of the September Officer's Meeting- Approved
Wednesday September 4, 2024

Joan Sedillo's Home
2007 Perry Ave. #1
Redondo Beach, CA

Call to Order at: 2:58 pm

Officers present: Lorri Mino, Susan Yamate, Randi Young, Lisa Nesicolaci, Joan Sedillo, Kelly Reinart, Lucy Huebner, Michelle Drapeau, Laura Henson-Broussard, Karen Stockbridge

Officers absent: Debbie Sampson

BOD Present: Cindy Macfarlane

President – Lorri Mino

- Welcome to the 2024/2025 Season She's very excited about our year.
- Officer Check In - Celebrate our Successes- Lorri discussed her interest in celebrating our hard work and successes, acknowledging that each officer has worked on LC efforts during the summer. She asked each officer to check in by telling a success they had during the summer. Each mentioned a way that they worked to help LC. Lorri had little gifts for each officer to thank them for their continued efforts and help all year long. Her goal is that we focus on celebrating and highlighting the hard work we do
- Meeting format and etiquette – no cell phones, no side conversations please
- Timekeeper- the Parliamentarian Michelle Drapeau will keep track of time and keep us on track, Lorri wishes to keep Officer Meetings to 2 hours
- "Parking Lot"- If we get to a topic that we can't solve and we spend too much time on it, we will ask to "park" that point until a later time when we can get back to us. This will help us with timing. Recording Secretary will keep track of the "parked" items.

Recording Secretary: Karen Stockbridge- Minutes from the June Officer "In "Meeting and Philanthropy Committee Meetings have been approved

Board Of Directors – Cindy Macfarlane- Nothing new to report. They have each signed up to attend Officer Meetings, Lynda Black is this year's Secretary. They plan to meet in person when necessary after General Meetings, or by Zoom if necessary

1st VPs Philanthropy – Lisa Nesicolaci and Debbie Sampson (absent)

Lisa reported that the summer tour at the Botanical Garden went well and members enjoyed it and learned a lot.

Lisa reported that the Marine Mammal Care release went well.

Lisa reported that she and Debbie were disappointed with the turnout at the Philanthropy Committee meeting. They were able to achieve a quorum, but this is an important meeting, Officers and BOD knew the date far in advance, and yet the attendance was minimal.

There has been some push back from a few members regarding Community's Child not being in the top 6 for us this year. They have been for 9 years. We discussed that LC Standing Rules and policy is that members nominate charities and vote on which to support EACH year. The list changes year to year. We are not forced to support any charity every single year. We discussed that the Philanthropy Committee is interested in helping small charities grow. We are also looking to support charities who will benefit deeply from a \$20k donation and that those with a lot of outside funding and sponsorship may not need the \$20k as much as a small charity with a small budget.

We agreed that we should celebrate the fact that we have given financial and in-kind support to Community's Child for 9 years, and that if we have a successful year, we will most likely be able to support them again this year making it 10 years! We also agreed that members should not take for granted any charity getting into the top 6 and should come to the philanthropy meetings to plead their case as to why a charity should be in the top 6. Or members can get more involved and be an Officer or Board member if they'd like to be on the Philanthropy Committee.

Volunteer Opportunities- we will table this idea this year

Tours? -Manes for Movement will be scheduled
Speakers at the General Meeting this year- Top 6

Distribution amounts to the 2023-2024 Charities will be eblasted next week- We want the members to see how much EACH of the charities we support received from us for the 2023-24 season.

2nd VPs Ways & Means: Susan Yamate and Randi Young

- Sponsorships – Fall Event. Kelly and Laura Realtors as well as Janice Hahn should be offered comp tickets
- Insurance is up to date and all locations have been added to the policy.
- Sponsorship updates
 - Honda and the Honda USA Foundation's 2025-2026 Funding Cycle Now Open - Email sent to Las Candalistas – YES- We agreed that Ways and Means should submit grant request paperwork
- There was discussion to clarify where Ways and Means responsibility ends and when the Event or Project Chair's roll starts- for example church is signed up and insured for Work Days, but now it's up to Ann Goodhart to be sure refrigerator plugged in and room is unlocked etc.

3rd VPs Membership: Kelly Reinart and Joan Sedillo

- Provisionals – Kelly will Introduce and read Bios of those that didn't attend our June Luncheon – All new provisionals should stand and be recognized.
- Fall Social Updates- an evite is being prepared. It will be Oct 19 at new member Linda Belzer's home. Membership has worked with provisionals on the plans.
- Membership info at Fall Event? It was discussed that a flyer or QR Code on a bookmark would be a good idea to recruit members.
- Volunteer Log Sheets were shown and discussed. The decision is that members print and track their own participation. We will collect them in May so that we can give prizes and acknowledgement for certain achievements. It is on the honor system

- Nanci Browning - 10 year pin - Karen Stockbridge will present at meeting

Parliamentarian: Michelle Drapeau

- September General Meeting Game Plan- Room open at 8:30. Tables and chairs will be set up. Lorri has tablecloths. Officers have volunteered with set up of room and food. We have the room until 12:30. 11:15 will be the stop time for the meeting so that the lunch portion can proceed. Members need to BYOB. There was a list of food etc to bring in the Newsletter- assignments by alphabet
- Nanci Browning will be in charge of zoom

Corresponding Secretary: Laura Henson-Broussard

- Roster- will be handed out at the meeting
- Newsletter reminders will be sent out on 18th and articles due back to Laura by 25th. November will need to be one week early as Laura is on vacation.

Treasurer: Lucy Huebner

- Balances- Members \$13674.04 and Event 8922.12
- Audit 7/25/24 went well and “books” are turned into the accountant

Fall Event Chairs – Kelly Reinart and Jan Schlesinger (absent)

- Update- Tickets on sale, Flyer is being prepared
- Lunch will be choice of 2 salads and a dessert. Guests will pick up a card at checkin with their food choice. They should put their name on and reserve a seat at a table.
- Sign up sheet should be sent around for workers at meeting
- Any other help needed?- Good Guys will be available for unloading and tear down

President –Lorri Mino

New Business

- Fundraising Goal for 2024-2025 is \$125k
- Standing rules: would like to take a look into updating the Philanthropy standing rules and if there is time, Financial. PARKED
- Run through of President Special Committees and expectations- Lorri discussed some positions and reasoning for choices.
There is a change in the Sunshine and Rain role so that we can help members more. Lorri would like a task team who can help anonymous requests so those in need can get it without their need being eblasted out. Examples- rides, shopping, food
- Things up my sleeve – Lorri would like to plan something to recognize Sustainers, perhaps November. Lorri would like to see the sign in sheets from the meetings and see if anyone stops coming and reach out to them to see why.
- January Event- Comedy Evening at Michaels Tuscany. 3 Comedians, a magician, possible Tarot reader. Just for fun, not necessarily “in your face fundraising” except a raffle.
LUCY WILL APPLY FOR RAFFLE PERMIT ASAP

- Spring Event – Discussed Susan Sanborn has volunteered but NEEDS co-chairs. Discussed her idea of a Cruise Theme and all of the research and requests she is working on.
- Social Media Direction - Laura and Lorri spoke with Stacey about the Facebook and Instagram posting and agreed that their needs to be guidelines and proofing of posts created
- Lorri polled the Officers to see how they felt about babies and small children at meetings. Unanimously Officers said no, we have Zoom so there is no need to bring children to meetings. It is very distracting
- Website – Laura is working on a new problem we are having with our website search. People cannot find us by googling. The Web Designer we work with said that we need new configuration for Accessibility (due to new California law) and Search Engine Optimization. The officers agreed unanimously that we need to stay current with this. Laura is checking on pricing. Lucy suggested it go into the Event Budget. Laura will discuss with Lorri when she gets more information and make a motion to amend budget to fund this.
- **PARKING LOT-**
- Standing Rules revisions
- We need a street address
- How to deal with disgruntled members
- Social Media guidelines and approvals checklist

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:35pm

Minutes Submitted by- Karen Stockbridge