

APPROVED General Meeting Minutes

October 9th, 2024

Peninsula Center Library, Community Room

701 Silver Spur Rd., RHE

9:00 Social 9:30 Meeting Begins

Start Time- 9:31

President: Lorri Mino

- Lorri welcomed the membership and thanked all for attending in person and by zoom for this very important meeting. She reminded us to keep in mind that Las Candelistas supports children AND the environment.

1st VP's Philanthropy: Lisa Nesicolaci and Debbie Sampson

- Debbie and Lisa thanked the 6 charities who came to speak to us.
 - Boys & Girls Club of the LA Harbor- Sergio presented a PowerPoint, telling us that they have been a group since 1936.. They want to help kids reach their full potential. They serve over 12,000 kids and would like help funding their food pantry which feeds 450 families with kids in their weekend wellness program. The total cost of the program is \$400k. They are asking us for \$20k
 - Cancer Support Community- Jillian Van Leoven told us about their FREE services for Kids and Teens who are affected by Cancer. Programs help their psychological and social needs, help coping with grief and loss, have counseling and monthly kids events. They are asking for \$20k
 - International Bird Rescue- Elizabeth Montenegro told us about their programs. Global Conservation, Wildlife hospitals, 160K birds saved. They have rescue centers in San Pedro and San Francisco. San Pedro helped save 357 Brown Pelicans last year. They do rehab and research. They help 1500 birds annually and have a Bird Helpline
 - Manes for Movement- Dr. Erin O'Mahony discussed the Equine and Hippotherapy programs and how they help kids. Adaptive Horseback riding helps with movement. They had 2000 service hours last year. They have 200 on the waiting list and our money could help fund additional horses to make them able to add more kids. Would like \$15k
 - Providence TrinityKids Care Hospice Foundation-Matthew Scelza discussed their Hospice and Palliative care programs for terminally ill children, it is the only children's hospice center in the area. Free for families who can't pay. They'd like us to sponsor mobility aids and he showed a PowerPoint on how much this would help. Asking for \$15k
 - South Coast Botanic Garden- Goal is to connect all to nature. Asked for our help with the children and family garden
- Voting for the Top 3 took place immediately following the presentations. Parliamentarian Michelle Drapeau collected ballots.

President: Lorri Mino

- Updates- In September we updated our Website. If there is a problem with log ins etc, please contact Laura Henson Broussard

Recording Secretary: Karen Stockbridge-

- Lorri stated that “The minutes of the September General Meeting were approved”

Chairman of the Board: Amy Mosher-

Amy welcomed all to this fundraising year. She thanked the Officers and Fall Event Chairs for their hard work getting us up and running. Amy Introduced the Members of The Board of Directors. She asked all to reach out if they had any questions.

1st VPs Philanthropy: Lisa Nesicolaci and Debbie Sampson

- We have a Manes for Movement excursion on October 16. They sent around a sign up.
- They told us that the results of the vote will be emailed once the Top 6 are advised.

2nd VP's Ways & Means: Susan Yamate and Randi Young

- Please think of anyone you might know in a business who might be able to help us with sponsorship funding

3rd VPs Membership: Kelly Reinart and Joan Sedillo

- Fall Social Update – Kelly told us that 91 had signed up. There will be Pizza and Sangria provided and members should bring potluck items. Centerpieces will be for sale for \$25. There is a photo booth.
- New Provisional introduction – New provisional Gale Swartz was introduced

Parliamentarian: Michelle Drapeau

- November General Meeting - Time Change Reminder
 - While Michelle was counting ballots, Lorri reminded us of the time change. November Meeting will be held at 2:00 Social and 2:30 Meeting starts. All dates and times of our General Meetings are listed in our Roster.

Corresponding Secretary: Laura Henson-Broussard reminded us that:

- Pick up your roster
- Extra rosters for sale

Treasurer: Lucy Huebner

- Budget updates for September month end
 - Member's Budget - \$13,265.27
 - Event Budget - \$19,097.25

Sunshine and Rain: Irene Almeida was pleased to show us that Donna Ciminera was able to attend the meeting. Selina Hamilton's mother passed and they would appreciate meals. Cheryl Gutierrez's husband continues to be suffering back pain and we are helping with mea

Fall Event: Kelly Reinart and Jan Schlesinger

- Update- as of today we've sold 232 tickets. We WILL sell out!
- Irene Almeida talked about table RESERVATIONS only for 10s Be SURE you and your guest link their credit cards.
- Lisa Nesicolaci reported that SWEET SHOPPE has 8 bakers and needs more. Also they would like someone to bake the Cheese Bites. Please contact her.
- Silent Auction- Stella and Cindy NEED ITEMS. Please use the donation forms. The BUY NOW big ticket items were described: Italian Pasta Class for 8, In Home Chefs dinner , Tuscan Hotel for 4 nights, Africa, Mexican all inclusive resort vacation, There are a lot of other items which were discussed.

- We were told there are 15 vendors.

Friends & Family Sale: Ann Goodhart

- Ann thanked everyone for their help at the Church. Orders need to be turned into Ann or Kathy Black.
- Pick-up date is October 30 at Janie Woodburn's Home, 1:00-4:00

Adopt-A-Family: Kathy Black and Cathy Howard

- We will learn which charities we will be able to get families from in November. Please donate cash, check to Kathy Black, or gift cards to Target, Kohl's, Amazon. We will need wrappers

Small Social FUNdraisers: Selina Hamilton (absent)

- Holiday Swap - 10/6 at Megan Zimmer's brought in \$279
- Back by popular demand - Charleston Gift Wrap - Susan Yamate- 40% of price donated to LC, personalized items 30%. There are flyers, scan the QR code to make it easy.
- Cookie Exchange at the home of Sally Gutierrez on 12/22

Thrift: Karyn Ferris, Joan Sedillo, and Carla Smith

Discussed the need for Cosmetic items for the Holiday Personal Bags for the Shelters.

Excursions: Julie Waldron and Janie Woodburn

Janie discussed the Downtown LA Library excursion, October 24

Nov 19 will be Chen Art Gallery Art Museum in Torrance. 10 am lunch after

Bunco: Hollidae Brown and Janie Woodburn

Bunco Wednesday the 16 at Janie Woodburns, 6:30

Book Club: Marlyn Franklin

October 23 at Judy Mooreheads. Book is *By Any Other Name*, by Jodi Picoult

President: Lorri Mino

- New Business
 - January Event - Save the Date for a night of Comedy at Michaels Tuscany in San Pedro. Full dinner buffet. \$100. We will start publicizing in November. 200 seats available.
 - Lorri discussed that we will hold a Sustainer Soiree during the November General Meeting to honor our long time members.
- There was a tie in the vote so we all had to revote for 1 charity. The results will be sent out once we know them and charities have been notified.

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:55

Minutes approved 11/4/2024

**Respectfully submitted by Karen Stockbridge
Recording Secretary**