

Minutes
Storytellers of San Diego, Board Meeting
May 17th, 6:00pm
Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Dr., Encinitas, 92024

1. Call to Order-6:02
2. Directors and Officers Present

Jim Dieckmann- Chair and Treasurer
Marilyn McPhie-President
Li-Anne Rowswell Mufson-Secretary
Jenne Bergstrom-New Board member
Dave Watters- Board Member
Also present Mindy Donner, Fred Laskowski, and Nicole Nelson
3. Approval of the Agenda- Unanimous acclamation
4. Approval of the Minutes- Unanimous acclamation
5. New Business: Action
 - a. 2017 Southern California Story Swapping Festival hosting- Discussion of possibility, consensus it would depend on finding an appropriate venue, Some ideas to be followed up-
Grossmont College--Jim will discuss with Lindsey
Cal State San Marcos—Li-Anne will discuss with Merryl
Pilgrim Church- Marilyn will investigate
Lutheran Church- Mindy will investigate
6. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Present income statement January- April 2016- See attached.
 - b. Board considers requests for disbursements-
Jim moved that we supplement to guarantee that the participants in the Highland Games concert "Sea Spells and Moor Magic" get a minimum of \$70.00 each Dave 2nded. Unanimous approval.
grant funds disbursement will be discussed up coming.
 - i. Rebecca's stipend reconsidered- Jim moved that we supplement the tips at Rebecca's up to a total of \$80.00 to be split among the participating Storytellers of San Diego member who tell that evening. Marilyn 2nded, unanimous acclamation.
 - c. Report of prospective grant opportunities- The Encinitas Grant is coming
Everyone should be looking for opportunities.
approval of proposals- No new proposed.
7. President's Report-see attached. Marilyn has moved up to Regional Representative with the National Storytelling Network and Li-Anne has taken her position of State Liaison.

- a. Completed 2016 events-include: Festival, monthly Story Swaps, Monthly Rebeccas performances, individual Storyteller performances
 - i. Festival 2016- a Great success
- b. Upcoming events- see attached Calendar
- c. Grants received- Still waiting for Kiwanis

8. Information/ Discussion

- a. AERO workshop: Li-Anne attended the AERO (ArtsEducationResourceOrganization)/Arts Empower San Diego/ San Diego County office of Education- Kickstart the Arts in (Y)Our Schools Day held at Liberty Station on May 6, 2016
 - i. Pauline Crooks is the Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator for the San Diego County Office of Education- 9 Districts have VAPA Strategic plans that have been ratified and put in to place. – We as an organization should be talking to those districts to see where Storytelling can fit into that.
 - ii. Former Storytellers of San Diego Board Member -Merryl Goldberg- gave a keynote on research she and her colleagues are doing on Why the Arts matter in High Tech. They have discovered for people in the biotech industry it influences hiring, promotion and the execs themselves feel the access to Arts in schools make them better in their jobs.
 - iii. Got 6 new names for our email list including Anjanette Maraya – Ramey-Senior Manager of Arts & Culture Funding Programs, City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture who said that if we do 78% of our Total programming in the City of San Diego- Includes Rancho Penasquitos – we would definitely be eligible for grant money from them.
 - iv. At the two Break out Sessions I attended I picked up a few salient things including PRINCIPALS AND ADMINISTRATORS ARE BEST CONTACTED IN APRIL OR MAY THE YEAR BEFORE ABOUT BASIC IDEAS FOR PROGRAMS. And We as an arts organization can take a small successful program collect data about it, and then take it to the District and see if they will support expanding it.
 - v. AERO is trying to reconfigure- Form a functioning board, etc.. there will be scheduled meetings and events in the coming year. Including
 - 1 **AERO General Membership Meeting**
August 10, 2016 10:30-12:/ 3:30-5:00PM
 - 2 **Arts Pack Drop-off**
August 22-25. 2016 SDCOE RM. 307 8AM-4PM
 - 3 **Arts Pack assembly**
 - 4 **AERO Strategic Planning Meeting**
August 26,2016 SDCOE RM 402 9AM-1PM
 - 5 **Mega Arts Conference**
October 13, 2016 Balboa Park 7:00AM- 4:00PM
 - 6 **AERO General Membership Meeting**
November 2,2016 10:30-12:00 3:30-5PM

7 AERO General Membership Meeting

January 11, 2017 10:30-12:00 3:30-5PM

8 AERO General Membership Meeting

April 5th, 2017 10:30-12:00 3:30-5PM

9 Kickstart the Arts

May 5th 8-12:30

Mindy, Marilyn and Li-Anne will meet to work on a new Storytellers of San Diego promotional sheet for educational events. (Assemblies Flyer)

- b. Okay2byou program report: Nicole Nelson- This organization was launched by Nicole this year as a personal coaching service, as Storytelling is a passionate hobby of hers this led to workshops and with youth with “moth style storytelling as a healing modality. Reason2survive in National City requested her to teach teens and she has started have an (as of May 2016) Monthly open Mic opportunities for youth ages 12-22 yrs. old She offers video with a professional quality camera and the goal is to put up on youtube social media etc.. to boost the confidence of the young tellers. This Friday May 20, 2016 the open Mic will be at Twiggs Coffeehouse. Nicole would like to work with the Storytellers of San Diego to help in broadening the access and audience of these events. Etc.
 - c. Priorities for 2016
 - i. Tellabration venue- We will be looking in to several for 1 performance on the evening of Saturday, November 12. 2016
 - ii. South/ East County Festival-tabled
 - iii. 2017 San Diego Storytelling Festival-Jenne Bergstrom (taking over from Sheila as new Head Librarian at Encinitas as well as on our Board) reports that our requested date March 18th 2017. Is a go. Hurray!
 - iv. Rebecca’s-June 1st Linda Whiteside is organizing. Fred mentioned he did not get a request for tellers.
 - v. Fund raising to support activities- ongoing all members.
9. Announcements- We officially welcomed Jenne as our newest Board member- We still have one opening for a non-storyteller on the board. And also welcomed Nicole whose organization we hope we can continue to support.
10. Next Meeting – Board Meeting August or September
- Next organizational meeting 6:00PM June 21, 2016- place TBA
11. Adjournment-6:50