

MINUTES Storytellers of San Diego Meeting
6:30 pm – April 21, 2026 - Zoom

I. Call to Order-6:34

II. Attendance

Marilyn McPhie- President

Jim Dieckmann- Chair/Treasurer

Patti Christensen- Vice President

Li-Anne Rowswell Mufson- Secretary

Sheila Thompson-Board Member

Ollis Mozon Jr.-Board Member

Deidra Davis-Board Member

Dave Watters-Board Member

Fred Laskowski-Membership Chair

Mindy Donner-Member

Dr. Almena Mozon-Member

James Nelson-Lucas-Member

Emily Corcoran-Member

Unanimous Approval of Minutes

III. Membership – Fred -membership had increased to 42 members, which is 7 members ahead of the same period last year and only 5 members behind the end of last year.

IV. Financial – Jim – see separate email attachment

V. Calendar

SAC Genre

May 20, 2026: Legends: Urban & Traditional - Patti Christensen & James

Nelson-Lucas (alt. Emily Stamets)

June 17, 2026: Juneteenth-OJ confirmed participation in Brother Ben's Juneteenth event on June 17th,

July 15, 2026 Humorous/Laughing Stories - JT Moring

Encinitas Institute, Encinitas Library

April 21 & 28 4-6pm –, Patti & Li-Anne- First class had 11 participants successful Southern California Story Swap Festival –

April 25 OJ represents SSD, takes place in Clairmont with South Coast hosting Vanguard Culture Event

April 30th

Template -

May 11, 6:30pm,-Fred hosting

Book Launch,

May 14 – Coronado Ghosts – by David Schmidt at the Coronado Library

Skybound

May 21, 6:00pm, -Aunr Li-Anne Hosting

Sam Hinton Festival – Old Poway Park

June 6, 12-4pm

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June 8, 6:30pm,

Chinese Historical Museum

June 14, 2pm – – Stories from China, Japan, Philippines, Hawaii --Jim, James, David
Storytelling at Moxie

June 17, 7 pm – – **Mindy will host.** Tickets will not be sold, with donations being accepted instead. SSD will foot the bill for a potential payment of \$200 discussed. A creative framing idea inspired by Black Storytellers of San Diego's approach was proposed by Mindy, suggesting the use of Shakespeare quotes and benches to frame regular storytelling performances, though this proposal was presented as open for discussion. She will put out a call for Tellers and see who is available

Skybound

June 18, 6pm –Aunt Li-Anne?

Tales and Legends from Scotland,

June 19,7pm – House of Pacific Relations, Balboa Prk
San Diego Scottish Highland Games

June 20-21 -- Marilyn and Aunt Li-Anne

VI. Storytelling Festival – Review--The team discussed feedback from a recent event, which was overwhelmingly positive with one exception. They reviewed the success of the open mic format and praised Emily's work with teenage participants, deciding to continue offering for this demographic. The group also noted the need to include more local tellers in workshops. We like having a limited number of visiting storytellers. The ARTS and STORIES- Extra positive response to our artist Deidra, and people REALLY loved taking a piece home. What an amazing community-building, collaborative experience.

.- The Library did a great job(- the HS Band) storytelling festival, which had fewer events than the previous year but still saw a 5% increase in attendance. They agreed to schedule next year's event on March 20th to avoid conflicts with the St. Patrick's Day parade and other festivals. Patti noted that starting at 10 AM was practical despite initial concerns, and suggested reaching out to retirement communities for future events, as a busload of seniors from a nearby community had attended and enjoyed the event.

Date, time, workshops, music, rooms, publicity, art, green room

Did we miss community group, veterans, or?

Next festival – March 20, 2027 Saturday PLEASE RESERVE THIS DATE

VII. Old Business

Template, Skybound

Social Media – Instagram, Facebook

VIII. New Business

Instructions, Standards for storytelling events - # of tellers, timing, etc.

Board

IX. Grants, Fundraising

Grants – Encinitas 26-27 \$2264

Other funding proposals – Coronado, Rancho Bernardo, Chinese Women's Assn

X. Venues, Programs

XI. Next Meeting – **May 19; June meeting cancelled; Board Meeting, July 15**

XII. Adjournment-7:37 PM