

Storytellers of San Diego Meeting  
6:30 pm – January 20, 2026 - Zoom

I. Call to Order 6:35 PM

II. Attendance,

President Marilyn McPhie

Chair Jim Dieckmann

Vice President Patti Christensen

Secretary Li-Anne Rowswell Mufson

Board Members- Ollis Mozon jr. Sheila Thompson

Membership Chair- Fred Laskowski

Members- Mindy Donner, Emily Stamets, James Nelson-Lucas Linda Brown, Lissette Ryan, David Schmidt

Approval of Minutes- Unanimous

III. Membership – Fred (34 currently paid up members)

IV. Financial – Jim -See attached

V. Calendar

SAC Genre

January 21, 2026: Tall Tales - Patti Christensen & James Nelson-Lucas and David Schmidt

February 18, 2026: Stories of Love - Aunt Li-Anne (Catherine Bonin)

March 18, 2026: Myths/Fables/Fantasy/Fairytales - Almena Mozon (Marilyn McPhie)

April 15, 2026: Historical Stories - Mindy Donner

May 20, 2026: Legends: Urban & Traditional - Patti Christensen & James Nelson-Lucas (Emily Stame)

June 17, 2026: Juneteenth Tales

July 15, 2026 Humorous/Laughing Stories - JT Moring

February 3 – March 3 -Coronado Institute – 2-3 (Marilyn), 2-10 (Emily), 2-17 (Mindy),  
2-24 (Almena), 3-3 (Li-Anne)

February 9, 6:30pm, Template - Lissette “Changed for Good”;

March 9 – Template- David “What Is Haunting This Hotel?”

February 19, 6:00pm, Skybound – Patti – “Leftover Chocolate & Lasting Love: Stories Beyond Valentine’s Day”;

March 19 – James

April 21 & 28 4-6pm – Encinitas Institute, Encinitas Library-Marilyn: Review and confirm participants for the Encinitas Institute and follow up as needed.

June 6 – Sam Hinton Festival – Old Poway Park- Contact Marilyn if interested.

June 19-21, San Diego Scottish Highland Games – follow up with organizers

## VI. Old Business

All organizers: Ensure all tellers for upcoming events are informed of "no notes" and other organizational protocols.

Template- Lissette is hosting in February

Skybound- Patti is hosting in February and March is James

Social Media – Revival of Instagram-Thank you James Emily and all.

## VI. New Business

Moxie Space – Mindy is coordinating will want help. We will have two dates for SSD bothweeknights from 7-9 PM Tuesday 6/17 Midsummer Stories and Tuesday 10/6 Spooky Tales Black Storytellers have 2/22 100 yrs of Black History and 6/19 Juneteenth- OJ is organizing these. Ollis will Inform Brother Ben from Storytelling Association of California about the Black storytellers dates, especially the Juneteenth event.

Chinese Historical Museum – Mindy: Send out PR/publicity for the Chinese Historical Museum event.

2-7 (love stories) – Li-Anne, Jim, Linda Brown

TBD 6-6? (Dragon Boat) – TBD

Mingei - Jim-no progress yet

Instructions, Standards for storytelling events - # of tellers, timing, etc. There is a wonderful document on our website, by Mindy for Template. Also, we are currently limiting producers at Skybound, but anticipate branching out in the future and will write a similar document.

## VIII. Grants, Fundraising

Grants – Coronado - \$5,000, David: Locate and share the breakdown of Coronado grant fund usage with Marilyn and Jim for planning.

David: Submit a grant proposal to the National Endowment for the Arts (with required federal registrations) by February 12th.

David: Submit a grant proposal to the City of Escondido for an Escondido-based storytelling program.

Encinitas \$2500; SDCWA \$1500

SAC – Storytelling in Schools/Jenny Fund- Emily: Send suggestions for the Jenny Fund grant to Marilyn before Monday. Marilyn: Represent and submit Emily's (and/or David's) project(s) for the Jenny Fund grant to SAC.

David will look into using as additional funding for Escondido

Other funding proposals

#### IX. Venues, Programs

- James and Marilyn: Continue pressing contacts regarding storytelling at the San Diego Scottish Highland Games and report back.
- Mindy: Note the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego's community day opportunity and consider for future programming.

#### XI. Storytelling Festival – March 21, 2026

- Jim: Recalculate and summarize festival teller payments and present for approval at the next board meeting.

Call for tellers at each of the four concerts went out, please respond as soon as you are able, there is limited space. We will send out reminders until 2/25 due date. Patti, Marilyn and Li-Anne will meet and make decisions Feb. 16th

Guest Tellers - Adam Mellema, Mairtin De Cogan, Darci Tucker (Additional performances by Adam or Darci?)

Art – Deidra Davis-Marilyn: Follow up with Deidre regarding her participation and timing for the festival concert.

Teens - Emily-Stipend going to the class Emily is working withi (Jim): Look up and confirm the amount of the donation to Morse High School ASB for Emily's teen tellers and inform

Emily: Provide Jim with the correct payee information for the Morse High School ASB donation.

Music-HS thru the Library

*XI. Next Meeting – February 17, 6:30 Note \*this will be an official BOARD MEETING Jim announced that OJ and Deirdre have agreed to continue as board members, but there is still one possible open spot, with a preference for non-teller board members who can support the organization.*

*All members: Nominate or express interest in open board member position to Jim.*

XII. Adjournment 7:50 PM