



General Meeting Minutes March 7, 2020

at Rosarito Beach Hotel, Salon Maya

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m. by Anita Olson, President Pro Tem, standing in for Wayne Denniston who is on Honeymoon.

Anita Olson introduced the USBC board who were present at this meeting. There were 23 people (including our two speakers and four guests) in attendance. Robin Bell, secretary for today, covering for Linda who is on Honeymoon.

The February general meeting minutes were unanimously approved with DeeDee making the motion to approve and Amy providing the second.

Financial report by Milo: Income for the month of February was \$9,470 (consisting of \$280 from member dues, \$100 from advertisements, \$520 from casino trip and roughly \$1,600 from whale trip). Expenses for the month were \$9,152 (which includes approximately \$8,400 for the whale trip and a \$200 deposit to Calafia for the Roaring 20's fundraiser). There was a net of \$318 for February. Motion by Judy and second by Dean to accept the financial report, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Judy distributed her delicious cupcakes for birthdays and anniversaries for March as well as to new members and guests. 7 extra cupcakes to be raffled off at end of meeting.

Mona told everyone to Save the Date for the upcoming Roaring 20's fundraiser set for July 18th. There will be raffle baskets, raffle prizes, costume prizes, entertainment (sexy jazz woman with sax player singing 20's music and other dance music). There will be a 3-course dinner. Cocktails at 6, Dinner at 7 and Dancing at 8. Tickets are \$40/person. Tickets are on sale now. Tables are available for sale, either table of 8 or table of 10. Buy a table to reserve spots for your friends. Judy already bought a table for 8.

Dean spoke quickly about upcoming whale trip just to remind everyone to move their clocks forward and not to be late for bus. Bus leaves from Rene's – everyone needs to be there by 8:30 a.m. on Monday.

Anita introduced our speaker, Enrique (KT) Salceda (IMAC Director). KT's dad's family arrived to Rosarito in 40's. His mom's family owned Rancho del Poncho since 1915 behind Ollie's Pizza (great grandfather's first business). He is a surfer, musician and artist. IMAC is a municipal institute of art and culture. Information on programs can be found on IMAC Rosarito FB page. They don't have a big budget – about \$30,000 for the year. They received a new grant for \$30,000 more. They are hoping for another \$25,000 grant soon. KT has been in office since October. He wants to introduce more programs for Rosarito. They are open every day and everyone is welcome. They have many activities happening. Alejandro Keyes (Mime) is performing on March 19th in an adult only show called A Reir con El Silencio – He will be donating proceeds to IMAC. Tickets on sale - \$250 pesos. IMAC is setting up organic market – every Saturday at Noon at the park. Wants to reach out to US community. Wants to partner with Theatre Guild. They are helping out the community – plan to open an IMAC in Primo Tapia – already

have a building and an operations office. Looking to open an IMAC in Ejido Mazatlan near the cemetery – already have paperwork to open the building. Another new program – Adopt a Choir (sponsor school choirs). They are working with National Composers Association so they have the rights for kids to sing the songs.

Claudia Veronica Franco from the Allegro Music Academy. Born and raised in Rosarito. Allegro Music Academy has been in Rosarito for 8 years. They are a private music academy, but they have some free programs as well (children's orchestra, choirs). Looking for community to fund the Choir program in the schools. Kids need a minimum of four months to get the benefit. Choir has health benefits (increased lung capacity, better posture, happiness, increased memory, greater self-esteem). This program also teaches how to read music (teaches patience and commitment). \$150 covers four groups/4 hours per week/4 months (roughly 120 children) (during school hours). Their goal is to find funding for five schools. They want to unite choirs together.

Committee reports:

Sunshine committee: Education at an impasse. Mivorgne O'Brien's (Ms. Baja) car stolen last night. FRAO is helping her. She is lost without her car. She is busy with the Boys and Girls Club. Wonderful wedding at Reuben's. Thanks to Judy and her helpers. Kathy Hutzler brought John. It's been a year since John was in public. He doesn't look good, but at least he got out. Please send little nice notes to Kathy. Kathy is very burdened with John and his brother.

Membership committee chair, Milo, reported we had 2 new members in February and 11 renewals. At the end of the month there was 213 active members.

Danielle, speaker chairperson, talked about upcoming speakers. April speakers will be two doctors from Tijuana who will talk about stem cell therapy. Speaker for May will be a person talking about importing your car. June speaker will be Lynn and Jim Phillips who will talk about adventures in Australia and New Zealand.

DeeDee, our potluck chair, stated that we have hosts signed up for the rest of the year. Potlucks are always the third Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. at La Maroma (across from Burger King). Guests are welcome. Food you bring is based on your last name. There will be no potluck on July 18th because it's our Roaring 20's fundraiser. March potluck is March 21st. Theme will be a White Elephant swap – things around the house you don't want/need. Bring food for 8 people and wear green.

Our restaurant tour for March is on March 17th at Los Amigos. St. Patty's Day fare will be served.

Special Events:

Milo talked about two trips being organized by Sandy's Travels. One is to Copper Canyon from 9/23/20 to 9/29/20 – All inclusive (Round trip airfare from Tijuana, 6 nights, 12 meals, private van, gratuities, train ride) - \$2,000/person; The other trip is a historical Mexico City tour from 5/20/20 to 5/26/20 – All inclusive - \$1,500/person. Sandy's will donate \$50/person back to USBC.

Danielle spoke about the dog races in Tijuana as a possible fundraiser for USBC. She found a nice bus that will carry 30-35 people. Races are Tuesdays/Saturdays. Tuesday would be the best day. Danielle suggested 5/5 or 5/12. Price would be \$10/person for bus only and \$50/person to cover the

cost of bus and include dinner at the restaurant on-site at the races. Send Danielle a note if you are interested.

Advertising: Still need chairperson

Non-profit reports:

Sister Cities: Arturo Hernandez reported there is not much activity yet. The program has been dead the last few years. They have no treasurer and no money. FRAO and Sister Cities are combined now.

FRAO: Arturo announced the free Spanish classes every Monday (beginners) and Friday (intermediate/advanced) from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arturo invited everyone to Disaster Preparedness meeting on March 10th at 1 p.m. at City Hall, Sala Referadorjes. They are trying to help firefighters too. He thanked Flying Sams for event last Saturday providing glasses for the community. 130 people were serviced and will receive glasses.

DeeDee reported for Flying Samaritans. Save the Date – Cinco de Mayo Carnival – possibly at Los Rocas. They usually “Adopt a Child” for the day – bring orphans to the carnival. Also, Save the Date – October 24th – OctoberFest.

Milo reported for the Rosarito Theater Guild. There is a play reading “It’s Only a Play” happening from March 27 to March 29 at Oyster Bar in Quinta Del Mar. Bonnie – Diva Show will perform at a private event on April 22 (one night only) at Los Amigos - \$20 - \$25 US. In May for two days, there will be a dinner show called Tony and Tina’s Wedding at Calafia Hotel.

Friends of the Library: No representative

Club de Ninos Y Ninias: No representative

Ed Perry represented Los Angelitos Orphanage. He thanked USBC for sponsoring. They have 20 children. They received an abandoned 1 year old girl. They are scared about the coronavirus but kids are healthy so far. He thanked everyone for their contributions since the orphanage is volunteer only and they do not receive any government funding.

Judy welcomed all of the guests and encouraged them to join USBC and to go to FRAO for any issues or concerns.

Robin provided the jokes for today.

The 50/50 raffle was conducted by Laura. Jill Phelps won \$24.50 and 250 pesos. And seven lucky people won Judy’s cupcakes.

Dean recognized Arturo, Gaby and the Mayor for getting everything set up for the Flying Sams lenses event.

Craig Klein talked about IMAC. Dancing for seniors on Sunday. Always something going on.

Diego talked about Boxing Match at primo tapia on March 14th – amateur fighters; puts all IMAC information on USBC FB page.

KT reminded everyone of IMAC events: Rock for a Cause – gather canned food – donate to senior home; every Wednesday – free oil painting classes; every Thursday – free cinema; Saturday organic market.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Bell for
Linda Denniston, Secretary