



## General Meeting Minutes June 1, 2019 at Calafia Titanic Room

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Wayne Denniston, First Vice President.

President, Jim Henshaw, introduced the board. There were 34 members in attendance, including 2 new members.

Several corrections to the May 11, 2019 general meeting minutes were as follows: Patrick MULLEN was Ann Hines' husband (first page, last paragraph; and the MEXICAN Consulate in San Diego spoke at FRAO (second page, twelfth paragraph). Milo moved to accept the minutes as amended with Larry seconding. The amended minutes was approved by unanimous vote.

Financial report by Milo: Income for the month of May was \$222 (of which \$135 was from member dues). Expenses for the month was \$700, with a net loss of \$478 for the month of May 2019. Our income year-to-date is \$4766. Motion by Judy and second by Wayne to accept the financial report which was approved by unanimous vote.

Grace introduced our speaker, Don Chava (Salvador Ochoa), representing "Abuelitos in Rosarito" and "Al Encuentro Ocaso". He described himself as a healthy ninety-year-old who remains healthy because "he is always running so death won't catch up with him." Amy and Grace translated. These organizations were formed to help the very poor. They have an annual fundraiser event every February. They have 1500 members with 800 active members and are looking for sponsors and donations to help with their expenses. They will provide donation receipts for tax purposes. The cost is fifty pesos a month for total funeral services, including all the paperwork involved. No transportation is provided to the United States. You need not be a resident of Mexico. There is no income limitations for their services. It is the same price whether it be burial or cremation. They have a Mexican doctor for the death certificate who is available twenty-four hours a day.

New members, Kathleen Grossman from Rosarito and Rosemary Hill from Montezuma (and now living in Rosarito) were introduced.

Committee reports:

Education and Sunshine committee chair, Amy, reported that Marilyn Arnold is back. Carmen is here for the week; her house is up for sale. John is doing well and starting to walk. Baja reported that her son had surgery and has lost a tremendous amount of weight. Jim stated that Jerry Allen (Cruz Roja) is recovering from a heart attack.

Membership committee chair, Milo, reported we have 194 active members at the end of May, with 3 renewals and 3 new members.

Larry reported on the membership drive. He expressed concern about USBC's ability to survive for this next year. We will be unable to help our community if we can't become solvent. He suggests that each of us find one new member. The cruises helped this organization survive for the last three years. 2020 could be a problem; **you are the solution.**

DeeDee and Mona (events co-chairs) stated that they have many ideas for future fundraiser events including more bus trips, restaurant tours, a whale watching trip and sunset happy hours.

Jim spoke about Grace, our Spanish speaking ambassador, that Mexico, as our host country, and USBC offers hospitality and comaraderie. Jim will check into a translation device for our Spanish speakers.

Wayne reported that we are trying to cut down on our expenses. Please update your email address so we can save on postage. We are trying to obtain more advertisers to help with expenses. Milo is working on a brochure and contract for advertisers so we can cover the printing costs. The Communicator is a work in progress and has been continually improving. Rosemary, Barbara and Dean suggested that since the Communicator is online, that each member print out their own copy to cut down on our postage. Kathy suggested that the expense report should also be available online.

Next month's speaker will be someone from Mexican immigration.

The June 15<sup>th</sup> potluck will be hosted by Wayne and Linda. Bring whatever brightens your June gloom and recipes to exchange. Champagne will be provided to celebrate the engagement. Share your love stories.

The June 4<sup>th</sup> Viejas casino bus trip is almost filled.

Edie reported that old towels, dog food or anything related to animals are needed for Red Barn rescue group.

No report from Sister Cities or Cruz Roja.

DeeDee from Flying Samaritans asked that we play bingo with them on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at Popotla Jr located in downtown Rosarito. This is held every third Wednesday of the month. If there are not enough people, this event will be cancelled. Dean stated that their October fest will be on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m., at Real Del Mar.

Amy Chankin of Friends of the Library reported that their bookmobile is up and running and they have books. They are looking for volunteers for three different positions. They need bi-lingual librarians, van drivers and people to stock the books. They will train.

Baja reported for Boys and Girls Club that the June 21<sup>st</sup> event is cancelled because Rosarito Beach Hotel is not available. The mariachi event will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup>. After the June 9<sup>th</sup> garden tour, they will have a gigantic swap meet at the club.

Barbara Acosta spoke for Los Angelitos Orphanage. They are now approved by the government to take in women and children.

Ephraim, the manager of Calafia, indicated he is selling tickets for an event at MAAC park on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The presentation is of all the dancers from Baja. The \$6 tickets are available in his office.

Mark, pastor at St Magdalene, complimented USBC on their responsiveness. Thank you Mark.

Paul reported that he would be meeting with Serena on Monday. They may provide a speaker in August.

Wayne stated that a new suggestion box was at the greeters table for anyone with any ideas for speakers, changes, or suggestions. It can be anonymous.

We want to start including birthdays and anniversaries on the calendar in the Communicator.

Kathy presented our joke for the month about a cruise ship magician and his parrot.

The 50/50 raffle, conducted by DeeDee, was won by Jo Flowers, who received \$32.50 and 100 pesos.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Gaetan, Secretary