



General Meeting Minutes May 11, 2019 at Calafia Titanic Room

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Wayne Denniston, First Vice President.

Introduction of board members by Jim Henshaw, President.

The greeting table was manned by Milo, Laura, Kathy and Judy. Judy did an outstanding job obtaining all the names and status of the twenty-four people in attendance. Milo and Laura did a great job organizing the Communicators for distribution. Kathy did her usual beautiful table decorations and provided us with a laugh about how nautical terms originated, at the end of the meeting.

In attendance were the following: Jim Henshaw, Wayne Denniston, Linda Gaetan, Amy Valenzuela, Laura Orange, Grace Paniagua, Judy Westphal, Kathy Hutzler, Milo Goehring, Larry Norman, DeeDee Martinson, Barbara Rock, Mavourneen O'Brien, Dorothy Southern, Bill Clark, Amy Chankin, Edward Perry, Jack Westphal, Paul Jannick and Edie Vines, Alexander Magnum, Gabriela Otelo, Lorraine Lauer, and Lisa Wilson.

Motion to accept minutes for the April 6, 2019 general meeting was made by DeeDee and seconded by Amy; minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Financial report by Milo: Income for this past month was \$963 (of which \$810 was from membership dues). Expenses for the month was \$435 with a net income of \$528 for the month of April 2019 and YTD \$5245. Wayne moved that we accept this report with a second by DeeDee and it was approved unanimously.

Our speaker, Larry Norman, was voted agent of the year by Holland America cruise line. Larry has been involved in the cruise industry for thirty-three years and has been on two hundred seventy-one cruises. The cruise industry has been changing in realizing that the west coast cruises are popular. Larry's new vacation and cruise club makes each USBC member an automatic member.

Larry spoke about the Norwegian Joy which has nine go-karts on a racetrack, a roomful of 3D arcade games and 14 restaurants. It is home ported in San Pedro.

Carnival, also home ported in San Pedro, offers four day cruises. Carnival will be bringing two new ships to San Diego later in the year.

Holland America is moving their new ship, Nieuw Statendam, from Miami to San Diego.

We need to book by the end of this month for our Panama Canal cruise in November and the gratuities will be paid, which amounts to a savings of \$16 per day or \$240 for this fifteen day cruise. Larry is looking for a male to share a cabin. This Panama Canal cruise can be extended an additional seven to fourteen days, going to the eastern and western Caribbean.

Larry has a company that will take payments from credit cards with twelve months to pay or they will take a deposit and then you can make the final payment in a lump sum. This is the same company that the cruise lines use.

USBC receives \$50 per person or \$100 for each cabin that is booked. Larry is hoping to host our members' BBQ at his house in August.

Larry indicated that there will be a future land trip to Puerto Vallarta.

Committee reports:

Education and Sunshine committee chair, Amy, stated that the education committee is still on hold pending governmental decision on schools. On May 2d, Amy received news that Ann Hines' longtime companion, Patrick McMullen, passed away in Boise, Idaho. Amy Chankin spoke about her friendship with Ann and Patrick. Amy Valenzuela

stated that she only receives information through word-of-mouth so please pass along any information on members' health or status to her.

Kathy reported that she and John spent their 55th anniversary in ICU at Scripps Mercy Hospital due to John's heart and kidney problems. John is recovering at Fredericka Manor in Chula Vista.

Membership committee chair, Milo, reported we have 199 active members, with seven new members in April, thirty-four renewals and seven lifetime. Directories are available for \$2 each.

The May 18th potluck will be hosted by Jim. This 1:00 p.m. potluck at La Maroma will be a Cinco de Mayo theme. Dorothy did a fantastic job for our April potluck. DeeDee, our potluck chair, stated that each non-member attending the potluck for the first time will be charged \$5 or bring a main dish for eight people. Please pay attention to the alphabet distribution of dishes to provide. DeeDee will place an article in the next Communicator regarding resources for main dishes for those who do not cook.

Larry, our membership drive chairperson, urges everyone to invite people to our potlucks and other social events.

DeeDee reported for Flying Sams, requesting that people come to the monthly bingo at Popotla Jr downtown on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00. Parking is free at the back of the restaurant.

Milo reported for the Rosarito Theater Guild (RTG) that "Tuesdays with Morrie" will be performed May 9-12th.

Amy Chankin reported for Friends of the Library (FOL), that their Hidden Gardens self-guided tour tickets for Saturday, June 8th, are available now for \$20 from Amy or any FOL board member. A fifteen percent discount at their elegant food truck dining will be available.

Baja reported for the Boys and Girls Club that they are still looking for matching donors. Their main event will be on June 21st at the Rosarito Beach Hotel. Their mariachi event will take place on October 6th. The Boys and Girls Club needs two new board members.

Jim acknowledged all the mothers attending for Mothers' Day.

As to new business, Grace reported that tickets are available for our June 4th (Tuesday is senior day) Viejas Casino bus trip, for a \$10 donation. This will raise \$500 for USBC.

Alex from FRAO reported that there are seven seats still available for the celebration of the birthday of Rosarito on Tuesday. On May 16th, the head of Immigration and the San Diego consulate will be speakers for the monthly FRAO meeting. The good news is that there is a new board established for the Kumayaay Indians. The bad news is that there are two groups that are causing accidents on Popotla Blvd to try to extort 3-4 thousand pesos from the drivers. He has had at least ten reports regarding these incidents. One is a white Plymouth Voyager van and another is a gold colored BMW.

Gabriela is conducting Spanish lessons in room 212 at City Hall on Mondays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. FRAO has established a special website for these lessons.

Carmen is selling her house and is looking for homes for her two cats.

The 50/50 raffle, conducted by Grace, netted \$58 and 200 pesos of which \$29 and a hundred pesos went to our winner, DeeDee Martinson.

The meeting was adjourned by Wayne at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gaetan, Secretary