



General Meeting Minutes September 7, 2019 at Calafia Titanic Room

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Anita Olson, First Vice President.

Judy Westpal introduced the new USBC executive board after notifying the membership of Jim's resignation due to health concerns. Jim will continue to work with USBC. The executive board now consists of the following: Wayne Denniston, President; Anita Olson, First Vice President; Mona Jean Smith-Middleton, Second Vice President; Milo Goehring, Treasurer; Linda Gaetan, Secretary. There were 35 people including our three speakers and two guests in attendance.

Financial report by Milo: Income for the month of August was \$453 (of which \$320 was from member dues). Expenses for the month was \$1065. There was a net loss of \$612 for August.

Judy re-introduced her delicious cupcakes for birthdays and anniversaries for September and August.

Our speakers, Rosy Torres, Gil Sperry and Ana Maria Coledo, representing the Boys and Girls Club, gave an excellent presentation. This year is their tenth anniversary for the International Mariachi and Folklorico Festival, which is scheduled for October 5th.

Gil Sperry, former Chula Vista school teacher, author and editor of the Baja Times, gave an interesting history of how he, along with Rosy, started the Boys and Girls Club in 2009.

Committee reports:

Membership committee chair, Milo, reported we have 189 active members at the end of August with nine new members and seven renewals.

We are still looking for a speakers' chairperson. The Flowers have arranged for someone from Serena to be our speaker for the October meeting.

DeeDee reported that the September 21st potluck is a Hawaiian theme hosted by Arlene and Kathy.

Kay (our Halloween queen) spoke about the October Halloween potluck which will be on October 19th. She is inviting everyone to wear costumes to win prizes.

Maggi Wagner, as usual, will be hosting our November 16th Thanksgiving event. She has declared this to be a day of thanksgiving and love.

Non-profit reports:

DeeDee reported for Flying Samaritans. Their Octoberfest on October 20th at Las Rocas will include an auction for an African safari (proxies available for bids). Tickets are available for this event for \$35.

Amy Chankin, representing the Rosarito Theater group, spoke about their October 23rd event at Calafia BRB bar with "quadruple threat" Deana Bogart. Tickets are available for \$30.

Amy also represented Friends of the Library. They are planning their Holiday home tours for December 7th from 10-5 p.m. They are currently scouting for properties for this annual event.

Rosy has tickets available for their annual mariachi event on October 5th. Rosy stated that Ticket prices range from \$100 for VIP, \$50 for silver and \$25 for general admission.

Ed Perry of Los Angelitos Orphanage, again expressed appreciation for the support of their children.

Alexander Magnum, international relations coordinator for FRAO, invited everyone to their last meeting of this administration this month (September 19th) to learn their rights and obligations with PROFECO (consumer protection agency). They are also working on lowering residency income limits for visas.

DeeDee announced ticket sales for the USBC wine tour on October 26th are now open. \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. Only 50 spots are available. This will include a tour of four wineries, a buffet lunch, a boat tour of Ensenada harbor and free time in Ensenada.

New business:

Wayne announced that election ballots will be available in November for board vacancies. If interested, please contact Billy Ray Clark, our nominating committee chairperson.

Milo stated that written policies and procedures for the loan of USBC property will be ready at the next meeting.

The 50/50 raffle was conducted by Mona. Ana Maria, one of the guest speakers from the Boys and Girls Club, won \$40.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gaetan, Secretary