PSNA Board/General Meeting
Minutes
January 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Lawn Bowling Center by Association President Marnie Schnable.

Opening Remarks

Marnie went over the form for Association meetings this year. Meetings will mostly be General Meetings with a speaker to be held at the Lawn Bowling Center Clubhouse on Wednesday evenings (currently scheduled for March 13th, May 8th, July 10th, September 11th and November 13th). General meetings will begin with a presentation of interest to the neighborhood residents. The General Meeting will be followed by a Board business meeting.

Marnie had a phone call with Rudy Hernandez, Parks and Recreation Community Liaison. Mr. Hernandez talked about the improvements and uses of the newly renovated Gas House in Santiago Park and the availability for use by the community as well of the availability of the west lawn bowling green. He also shared the reservation process for the Gas House, picnic areas and Amphitheatre. Procedures for community use of the Lawn Bowling Center and surrounding areas are in the final developmental stages and Mr. Hernandez will update the Association at the March meeting.

Marnie gave the Board a brief overview on the Com-Link (Santa Ana's Communication Linkage Forum) whose purpose is to promote positive leadership, community participation and pride throughout the City's 64 neighborhoods. They meet on the 4th Thursday each month in the police station Community Room and all who wish to attend are welcome. The next meeting topic is to be substance abuse resources.

Secretary Report

Association Secretary David Slaton reported that there was a quorum present for this meeting. (Present were officers Marnie Schnable, Mary Maduena, Dolores Aguilar, David Slaton and quad reps Deborah Hicks, Genelle Johnson, Antonio Sears, Christine Denny-Helvig, Megan Klempa, Susan Semotan, and Collin Dunner. Absent Board members were Patty Maize, Doug Astor and Silvia Posada.)

David referenced the minutes from the previous Association meeting (11/8/2023) and asked for any needed changes. A few misspelled names were noted and the minutes were approved as corrected without objection.

Old Business

Mary Maduena reported on the Welcome Basket activity. Three baskets have been sent recently and she is aware of two more new home sales in the neighborhood. Christine Denny-Helvig suggested that contributions from local merchants could be solicited to help cover the expense of the baskets. Other suggestions included asking neighborhood residents who could derive business from neighbors to provide their business cards to be included in the baskets. After a brief discussion on the costs of the baskets, it was suggested that the Board could include about $40 per basket in this year's budget [action taken on this later in this meeting].

Mary mentioned that she had a conversation with Mayor Amezcua on installing "historically" designed street signs in our neighborhood. Mary was told that the Mayor felt that the City may help fund such a project and had asked for more input from us, the effected residents. David Slaton made the following motion:

> The Board will establish a committee selected and headed by Mary to make a recommendation on the design of a neighborhood street sign and to communicate this with the City. This committee will also ask if the City will fund all or part of the expense in making and installing these street signs.

Collin Dunner seconded the motion, and it passed without objection.

New Business

Treasurer's Report

Association Treasurer Dolores Aguilar distributed to the Board copies of all the Treasurer's reports from last year (2023). She noted that the Association ended that year with a bank balance of $14,419.08 and called attention to the fact that the balance in the Legal Fund remained at $1654.29. Delores told the Board that she would email these reports to each Board member after the meeting. Genelle Johnson moved to approve the Treasurer Reports as presented; Collin Dunner seconded the motion, and it was approved without objection.

Delores presented a budget for the Association's 2024 fiscal year. Corrections were noted on the line items for Internet Hosting and for Internet Maintenance. Both of those items should have read "Annual", not "Monthly." During discussion it was suggested that three new line times be added to the budget as follows:

Revenue: $300 - Basket Donations

Expenses: $300 - Administrative Expenses and
$300 – Gift Basket Expenses

David Slaton moved to approve the proposed budget as corrected with those three additional line items. Genelle Johnson seconded the motion which passed without objection.

Membership

Marnie mentioned that we need to be attentive to increasing neighborhood interest in our Association. She mentioned that Association events should try to at least cover event expenses on their own where possible. She encouraged us to create any activities which might generate revenue for the Association (e.g., raffles).

Website

Marnie told the Board that we have engaged a website designer and that progress is being made on this project.

Events

Ideas for this year's Association events were discussed. Discussions included a Spring Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt (Antonio Sears will be the lead on this), the 4th of July event/parade which could have a theme for the floats (discussion on the theme was deferred to our next meeting), and the Progressive Dinner for which we need to set a date.

Announcements

It was suggested that two weeks before each General Meeting that the quad Reps would distribute meeting announcements to neighbors in their quads. This action was met with very favorable response from the Board.

Marnie asked the board to come up with ideas for presenters at the general meetings this year. Ideas might include representative from local associations, police, Cal trans, the City Mayor, and our new Council representative when selected.

Marnie mentioned that the Mayor's meeting was excellent and that great ideas for our community were brought up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted by

David Slaton, Association Secretary