

Minutes Annual Meeting

Storytellers of San Diego, Annual Board Meeting

February 28, 2024, 6:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order-6:35

2. Directors and Officers Present

Jim Dieckmann- Chair and Treasurer

Marilyn McPhie-President

Sherrie Brown- Board Member

Sheila Thompson-Board Member

Dave Watters- Board Member

Li-Anne Rowswell Mufson- Secretary

Patti Christensen- Vice President

Absent- Ollis Mozon- Board Member

Absent -Ivy Weston- Board Member resigned

Also Present- Fred Laskowski-Membership Chair

Members- Mindy Donner, Emily Stamets, and David Schmidt

2. Approval of the Agenda – Jim moves to approve Agenda, Li-Anne 2nds, Passed unanimously

4. Approval of the Minutes (October Board Meeting) – Jim moves to approve Minutes, Dave 2nds- passed unanimously

5. New Business: Action

a. Presentation of Board Members for election to an Election for a one-year term; Jim Dieckmann. Jim is officially letting us know he plans to retire from the Board when the 2024 term is finished- he will be concentrating on writing a book, among other things. We are all so grateful to Jim for organizing and shepherding us from before 501(c) 3 status to becoming the

thriving organization we have grown into. As Patti said, we shall have to see if we can get 3-5 people to “replace” Jim in all he does for our organization.

And for a two-year term, Dave Watters and OJ Mozon Jr.

As well as **Deidra Davis**- New Board Member- Sherrie Brown took the floor to highly recommend her. Sherrie has had a long-term working relationship with Deidra, who is the director of Arts and Education at the Kroc Center. Sherrie says she is a rare person who she cannot find any fault with and will be a tremendous addition to our board.

b. Nominations from the floor,- none one additional Board Member is needed- some discussion of possible candidates. Additional Board Member may be added at any time and need not wait for next year’s Annual meeting.

c. Vote by all members present- Marilyn moves to accept the slate as presented, Li-Anne 2nds unanimously passed by all members present.

d. Election of Chairperson of Board of Directors by Board members- Marilyn moves that Jim Dieckmann be elected Chairperson, Sheila 2nds passed unanimously by all Board Members present.

e. Directors approve Corporation officers for 2024- *Jim moves that Marilyn serve as President, Patti as Vice-President, Li-Anne as Secretary, and himself as Treasurer, all Board agrees.*

f. Distribution of annual conflict of interest statements, directors, and officers will be in person at the March Festival.

6. Treasurer’s Report-See attached

a. Presentation of 2023 year-end income statement- *Jim moves this be accepted, Marilyn seconds, unanimously approved*

b. Board authorizes expenditures for 1st quarter- *Jim moves this be accepted, Sherrie seconds, unanimously approved*

c. Approve future stipends and expenditures, including grant funds - *Jim moves the projected budget (e) be accepted for this, Sheila seconds, unanimously approved*

i. Festival financial support, include outreach

ii. The Template and Twisted Horn stipends

iii. Institute funding and stipends

d. Report on current fund-raising efforts and grant applications- in addition to those found in the treasurers report, Marilyn will be checking on equipment grant and next years; City of Encinitas Grant, and Chinese Women’s Association grant. David has applied for Chula Vista arts grant and is looking into programming with or without grant monies.

e. Presentation of projected budget 2024- see attached

7. Media report

a. Website, YouTube Channel, MailChimp email -going well

8. President's Report-see attached

a. Festival Planning – Lively discussion as we come down to the wire. Since Ivy retired our current Library Liaison is Sean, Marilyn will be meeting with him in the morning.

Workshops look good, Daytime Concerts are shaping up nicely both for Children and Adults, Jim is setting up Voices Concert it looks good. Fred will coordinate front desk volunteers and make an alphabetical list of where to find tellers when. (once Li-Anne sends him this information) Mindy is coordinating both the Turning Wheel bus project and the noon community panel featuring María E. Garcia and interviewees from her book, "We Made San Diego," about Mexican American's contributions to our region.

David has volunteered to help man the desk and sell books. Lunch and green room info, Musician info, and more will be forth coming.

b. SSD Guide – some discussion of Jim's compilation of Board Guide, further discussion of organizational guide tabled.

9. Information/ Discussion-tabled

i. Additional Outreach

1. Organizations

2. Communities

10. Announcements – David Schmidt Announces he will be starting a Storytelling Radio Show with KSMJ. If you have stories about local myths and legends contact him.

Emily says to save the date September 14th for Julian Storytelling Event- more to come

Adjourned 8:30 PM