

Annual Meeting Minutes  
Storytellers of San Diego, Annual Board Meeting  
February 17, 2025, 6:30pm  
Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order-6:39

2. Directors and Officers Present –

Chair/Treasurer Jim Dickmann

President- Marilyn McPhie

Vice President- Patti Christensen

Board Member- Ollis Mozon

Board Member-Sheila Thompson

Secretary- Li-Anne Rowswell Mufson

Membership Chair- Fred Laskowski

Member- Mindy Donner

Absent- Dave Waters, Deidra Davis

3. Approval of the Agenda-Unanimous Acclaim

4. Approval of the Minutes (October Board Meeting)- Unanimous Acclaim

5. New Business: Action

a. Presentation of Board Members for election to a two-year term, Sheila Thompson, Jim Dieckmann-Jim had planned on stepping down but agrees to stay another 2 years. OJ proposes we elect the slate and Marilyn seconds. We are grateful for the service of Sherrie Brown who has resigned in order to spend more time with an exciting non-profit she is starting up.

b. Nominations from the floor, two additional Board Members allowed- Jim proposes that we discuss changes the bi laws at next meeting to make the Vice-president a Board member.- We would like to conduct this vote via Email.

c. Vote by all members present- Unanimous

d. Election of Chairperson of Board of Directors by Board members-Email will be sent out by Jim

e. Directors approve Corporation officers for 2025- Jim,Marilyn, Patti,Li-Anne will continue to serve.

f. Distribution of annual conflict of interest statements, directors, and officers will be in person on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Storytelling Festival.

g. Approval of Grant Application Notification form---This form is so that SSD Board and Corporate officers are aware that a grant is being applied for (especially if SSD has a fiscal responsibility)

UNANIMOUSLY approved

6. Treasurer's Report- See attached

- a. February 2025 financial statement and 2025 budget-See attached, Revised 2024 Budget.
- b. Board authorizes expenditures for 1st quarter-
- c. Approve future stipends and expenditures, including grant funds
  - i. Festival financial support, include outreach-(Mindy would like to let us know that the Silver Strand Grant was approved by SAC 5 visits.She is aware that she may have some difficulty getting fingerprint clearance since she doesn't have fingerprints on her fingers. If not able to fulfill residency, she will discuss with Emily about fulfilling the terms.)
  - ii. Highland Games are canceled for 2025- The City of Vista raised the rates, and Folk Heritage has cancelled for this year. Marilyn will keep us informed on any possibility for our Scottish Story Event.
  - iii. The Template stipends
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- d. Report on current fund-raising efforts and grant applications- We are trying to incorporate above form. Marilyn has applied for Chinese Women's Organization Grant.

7. Media report

- a. Website, YouTube Channel, MailChimp email- All going Well

8. President's Report-see attached

- a. Festival Planning, March 15<sup>th</sup>- Good committee meeting past Saturday.-Patti Sending out Tellers for Children's We agreed to give James a stipend for the video-ing. All the concerts are filled and Emails going out this week to let tellers know which concert they will be performing in. (Marilyn will welcome for the first Concert )

9. Membership Report-30 more than halfway to last year's totals.

Organizer's get an updated list each time.

10. Information/ Discussion

- a. SB 988 "Freelance Worker Protection Act"-October went into effect in January- Written contract for any individual who receives more than \$250.00 . Jim is making inroads into how we can comply with this. Contract must be signed prior to completion of service.
- b. Story Swap Festival, Planning, April 26<sup>th</sup>- 1600 Buena Creek Rd. At PUUF in Vista
- c. Encinitas Grant 2024-25- Being spent as we speak.
  - i. Additional Outreach
    1. Organizations
    2. Communities

11. Next meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> LOOK for email in the meantime.

12. Adjournment 8:06