Storytellers of San Diego Meeting

March 18, 2025 - Zoom

I. Call to Order 6:33 PM

II. Attendance: Marilyn McPhie- President,

Patti Christensen- Vice President

Deidra Davis- Board Member

Ollis Mozon Jr. - Board Member

Sheila Thompson- Board Member

Dave Watters- Board Member

Li-Anne Rowswell Mufson- Secretary

Fred Laskowski- Membership Chair

Mindy Donner- member

Emily Stamets-member

James Nelson-Lucas -member

Approval of Minutes-Acclamation

III. Membership – Fred up to 35 Members

IV. Financial – Jim – sent earlier See attached

V. Calendar

SAC Genre

3-16 -Lissette Ryan  MYTHS, FABLES, FAIRYTALES, & FANTASY- Laryngitis
4-16 - Mindy Donner HISTORICAL STORIES
5-21 - Marilyn McPhie LEGENDS: URBAN & TRADITIONAL
6-18 - Almena Mozon JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIION
7-16 - HUMOUROUS/LAUGHING STORIES - ???

 3-26 – 3pm – Story Swap

4-14 - Template – Linda Brown hosts

4-22? Earthday – Skybound, Vista – Li-Anne, Patti

4-26 – Southern California Story Swap Festival –

 5-12 – Template – Dave Walsh hosts

 6-20&21– Bay Area Storytelling Festival – Santa Rosa, CA

 6-7 Sam Hinton Festival – Poway

 7-17 to 20 – NSN conference – Kennesaw, GA

 September- Apple Days Concert

VI. Story Swap (not swapping) Festival – registration, food, representative?

Anyone who would like to be “our” representative please email OJ- fromdahorn@yahoo.com

 Workshops- Mindy on Puppetry and Storytelling

Marilyn and either Li-Anne or Diana Spirithawk if she is interested. James Nelson-Lucas will ask her.

Registration-Emily will not be there on the day, She and Fred have volunteered for on-line registration and Patti either with or without Fred (depending on his availability) will take car of in-person registration.

Food- Li-Anne priced out lunches at a deli, but it seems that we probably would be better off with platters from Albertson’s, which is directly across from the venue.

VI. New Business -*tabled*

VII. SSD Guide Template hosting &?-*tabled*(but we really have to do this!

VIII. Grants, Fundraising

 Grants pending – CECO, Chinese Women’s Assn, Chula Vista, Big Read, Encinitas, Coronado-*tabled*

IX. Venues, Programs-*tabled*

X. Storytelling Festival 2025 – Review

Attendance 2024 300 Total

 2025 280

Footlights were new and problematic

 Open Mic- Either need a host for another timeslot or perhaps a better system including, if people sign up on the day of the event, they need to be told there is NO guarrantee they will tell AND that there is a 5 minute time limit.

 Kids & Institute- The two kids from Encinitas did well, our two volunteers for open mic-less so. We need to figure out how to do outreach for the Coronado kids.

The three tellers from the Institute did well, we had a little issue with the folks who signed up on the day.

Kids Concerts- Really excellent Concerts! Mary Jo’s first Storytelling event(performed with JT- Excellent!) a little under-attended, Especially, actual participation-ready children, but if we can sync the morning concert for when the library typically has “Storytime,”we think that might work out better and ask Children’t librarian to specifically hand out the flyer at “Storytime” events. We decided we do still want to keep the 2:00 kids concert as well.

Community group – Women & Military- Excellent HUGE success-need better or an additional speaker and to ask ALL speakers to use a mic.

Vets Tell Stories- Small but engaged Group: Next year Service Chaplains?

 Artist – Painter- We need to have a TIPS sheet for our artists (large visuals, respond to Stories, etc..

Music – group from high school- Those kids were GREAT!, guitarist very good, he’s interested in working with us.

 Visiting Tellers –Colin Urwin, Vicki Juditz-Outstanding! (note ask the name that check should be written for and possibly try for all tellers to be hotel comp?

Workshops – Almena, Colin, Vicki- ALL successful and very well attended

Photos & Video- A few weeks for these to come back

Green Room- We are grateful (panel could have a water pitcher as well?- Thanks Sheila for taking care of them)

Publicity- We had some really nice articles, possibly St. Patrick’s Day Festivities collided with our audience.

XI. Storytelling Festival 2026

 Date March 21 (after St. Patrick’s Day) we all agreed this would be better. Marilyn will check in with Jaqueline on availability

 Suggestions – Art-Possibly improv Music or Emily has a Dancer she thinks would work well , Community Group- Coronado Specific, Guest Tellers

XI. Next Meeting – April 15th

XII. Adjournment 7:45