

**SAN DIEGO SANTAS
A CHAPTER OF FORBS
Board Meeting Minutes for September 2, 2020**



Board Meeting Commenced at 11:55 am via “Zoom” and Adjourned at 12:30 pm

Board & Members in Attendance: President Pro Tem John Lorne Jr., Vice-President Pro Tem Joe McGrievy, Treasurer Kathie Wellington, Sergeant at Arms Pro Tem Greg Cook and Secretary Mary Ann Schafer. **Members in Attendance:** Eileen Lapins, Dan Wheeler, and Steve Eggerman.

Member(s) Under the Weather: Mary Ann informed the group that **Tony Williams** is recovering from a new aortic valve replacement. She indicated that Tony said that he was out of the hospital the next day and he has no pain and his shortness of breath is gone. Also **Sandy Riffe** had a reverse shoulder replacement surgery. She is doing well except for the pain from the surgery. Noted: On September 9 it was noted on Facebook that on September 7th, **Greg Cook’s** mother, Roberta Cook, passed. Please keep all of these members in your prayers.

Board Minutes from August 4, 2020, is up for approval. No corrections noted. **Motion Made** by Joe to **Accept** the Minutes; **Seconded** by Greg, **Vote Taken** and **Passed**.

Treasurer’s Report for September 2020 given by Kathie. Kathie stated that there is \$8,706.87 in our General Fund, and \$2107.68 in the Special Delivery Fund, for a total of \$10,814.55 in the Operation Fund. Kathie mentioned in an email to Mary Ann that she gave Joe a check for reimbursement for Birthday Cards that he had printed for the Sunshine Coordinator. These card are sent to the members on their birthday. Kathie also stated that the balance in the Reunion Account is \$2,136.81. A check was written to Jacquelin Balogh, for \$741.53 for reimbursement for the printing and mailing of the 2020 Reunion Books. **Motion** made by Mary Ann **to Accept** the Treasurer Report, **Seconded** by Joe, **Vote Taken** and **Passed**.

Current/Old Business

- 2020 Reunion Book:** As Kathie mentioned in the Treasurer Reports, Jacquelin was paid for the printing and mailing of the 2020 Reunion Books. Kathie also said that Jacquelin gave Reunion Books to each of the Advertisers, the Photographer, and two books given to the Dana on Mission Bay and one book to the San Diego Seal Tour. Kathie also mentioned that Jacquelin gave Bob Callahan, President of FORBS, ten books in case other members from the Orange or Inland Empire want to purchase them; and that Jacquelin has seven books in case anyone else contacts her to purchase a book. Jacquelin indicated to Kathie that Bob Callahan was informed to send Kathie the money on any books he sold. This closes out the 2020 Reunion Business.

2. **Santa's Special Delivery 2020:** Kathie said that she made contact with Debbie Stroman, Director at Breast Cancer Angels (BCA), and discussed some issue with the Special Delivery. **Kathie stated that Debbie and she discussed the following:**

- Debbie indicated that there are **No" restrictions** with the families from BCA; only those that each individual Santa may impose.
- Debbie will be utilizing Stage 4 families.
- Families with younger children will be selected, due to a decrease in our budget because a fund raiser dinner was not held this year.
- Debbie said that they are also working with the Jewish Family Services in San Diego to assist the BCA families with food and school supplies for the San Diego families. Debbie said that she will let them know that BCA is working with our organization. Maybe they will be able to assist us with the food.
- Debbie asked if we could let our members know that if they use Amazon, if they could go through the Smile program with Amazon and select the BCA as their charity.
- Kathie said that Debbie will give us the list of families the beginning of December.
 - Mary Ann said that we need to have the list of families in November, preferably, the beginning of November. This will give our Santas time to arrange with the families and purchase the presents before their season begins.
 - Kathie said that Debbie's concern was because they are Stage 4 families, is whether the parent with the cancer will still be alive. Mary Ann indicated that one of our Santas had that problem a few years ago. However, when the Santa made contact with the father, the father thought it would help the children deal with the passing of their mother if Santa showed up. Santa showed up and it helped to brighten the children's day with hope.
 - Mary Ann said that we need to let the Santas know what might happen so that they can work with the living parent to see what they want to do, if the worst case scenario happens.

New Business:

1. John wanted to have the Board discuss the possibility of waiving the 2021 Dues, due to the Covid 19.
 - John asked Joe what thought. Joe indicated that FORBS and the Orange County Chapter have both taken action to waive the 2021 Dues
 - Mary Ann said that we have approximately 60 dues paying members; and with our current Operational Funds balance; she did not believe that the \$600 would hurt our Club if this action was taken.
 - Mary Ann made a **Motion:** To waive the 2021 Dues for our currently membership and for those members who have paid their dues in advance, to extend their dues payable date by a year. And new members joining in 2020 or 2021, will be required to pay the initial membership fee, but their dues payable date will be extended a year. **Seconded** by Greg; No further discussion held, **Question Call For: Vote Taken and Passed.**

2. Mary Ann explained to the Board that she would like to be reimbursed for the mailings of the FORBS Badges, Club's Shirts and the mailing of the Club's membership cards and Club pins. Mary Ann explained that this is usually not an issue because when we have physical meetings, she is able to personally hand the members the items they ordered. However, with Covid 19, we have been having virtual meetings and the membership have ordered these items and she needs a way to get the merchandize to them. John asked how much it will cost, Mary Ann said that she does not know, because she will have to package each item and take them to the post office. Mary Ann indicated that she will use her credit card to pay for the mailing and will submit the receipts to Kathie, the Treasurer, for reimbursement. The Board will know what the amount utilized is at the October meeting. Also, since we are probably not going to have a physical meeting until 2021; we have told the membership about the membership cards and the Club pins. She has actually had members asked her about them. She feels that we, as a Board, need to mail these items to the members. We have had these items since March, and because of the different changes in the Board members, these items have not gone out. She said that she has weighed an envelope, a letter with a short message to the members, the membership card and Club pin, and it weighs within the one ounce. Mary Ann indicated that we should be able to mail them to the membership at 55 cents an envelope. She will buy the envelopes, have the letter printed for the members, purchase the stamps, stuff and seal the envelopes, and will address and mail these items out to the membership. Mary Ann's **Motion:** To direct the Treasurer to reimburse Mary Ann for the mailing of the Badges, Shirts and membership cards and pins and items associated with these tasks. **Seconded** by Greg, **Voted Taken and Passed.**

3. Mary Ann said that we need to discuss what we want to do with the balance in the Reunion Account. She said that since we did not have a Fund Raiser Dinner this year, we can use the money to supplement our Santa's Special Delivery Program. She also mentioned that we can also donate, maybe \$250 to \$300 to each FORBS' Chapter and then use the remainder for our Santa's Special Delivery. However, since our Membership Meeting will be starting soon, she suggested that we all think about what we want to do and table this issue until next month's meeting. The Board agreed and it was tabled until the October 7th Board Meeting.

There being no further business, Meeting was Adjourned.

Submitted By: Mary Ann Schafer, Secretary

It was noted that on September 9, 2020, President Pro Tem John Lorne Jr. had made contact with Pamela Swank-Yates, and she informed John that she is in the process of divorcing her husband, Curtis Thomsen; and that since she was the one who joining our Club as a Mrs. Claus, if we can please drop him from her membership in our organization. Mary Ann has made corrections to the Membership Roster and informed the Treasurer and the remaining Board.