

SAN DIEGO SANTAS A CHAPTER OF FORBS

Membership Meeting Minutes for September 2, 2020

Membership: If you wish to review the Board's or Previous Board's or Members' Minutes, please go to the website at <https://realsantasandiego.com/minutes/>

REMINDER: ALL CHECKS FOR DUES OR ANY OTHER FUNDS, NEEDS TO BE MADE OUT TO: FORBS San Diego



Commenced: 12:43 PM **via Zoom Adjourned:** 1:13 PM

Meeting called to order by Elf One John, and he welcomed everyone in attendance. Santa Joe led the members in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Member(s) Under the Weather: Mary Ann informed the group that **Santa Tony Williams** is recovering from a new aortic valve replacement. She indicated that Santa 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 **Mrs. Claus 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, **Santa Greg Cook's** mother, Roberta Cook, passed. Please keep all of these members in your prayers.

Members' Minutes from August 4, 2020, is up for approval. No corrections noted. **Motion Made** by **Santa Jim Long** to **Accept** the Minutes; **Seconded** by **Santa Greg Cook**, **Vote Taken** and **Passed**.

Treasurer's Report for September 2020 was given by Secretary Mary Ann, due to Treasurer Kathie Wellington not being available. Mary Ann 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. She also stated that there is currently \$2,136.81 in the Reunion Account, and that the receipts for the Reunion Books' printing and mailing have been received from Jacquelin Balogh (Bailey) and that Jacquelin has been reimbursed. The Treasurer's Report was approved by at the Board Meeting.

Sunshine Report: (Cindy Renner): Announcement of the September's Birthdays:

Sept 2 Sharron Conley Sept 3 Joe McGrievy Sept 4 John Lorne Jr. Sept 7 Marilyn Tagart
Sept 9 Pamela Swank-Yates Sept 10 Patricia Dawson Sept 16 Peggy Marcus Sept 19 Mike Stillwell
Sept 27 Glen Bailey

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- 1. Club Membership Cards and Club Pins Fund Raiser Dinner:** Mary Ann informed the membership that the cards and pins should be mailed out to the members within the next two to three weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mary Ann just wanted to let the Santas know that we will be canvassing in October for the Santa's Special Delivery. She asked that the Santas all think about volunteering. She mentioned that since we did not have the opportunity to have a Fund Raiser Dinner, we probably will not be able to service as many families that we have in the past.
2. Santa Jim Long said that Cherry Hills is canvassing for full and part time Santas. He said that Cherry Hills offers insurance thru a different Insurance Company for a lower amount. He said that for the tier 1 policy it is \$175.
 - Santa Ed Nabors said that if you work for Cherry Hills they will take the money for the insurance from your pay check so you don't have to pay for it up front.
 - Mary Ann said that FORBS offers a very good insurance. She asked Santa Joe if he knew how much it cost and Santa Joe said \$211.
 - Eileen Lapins said that you need to check to see if there is a rider which allow you to apply the insurance to your entire Santa's events and not just to the work you do for Cherry Hills.
 - Santa Joe said he doesn't know why we would buy someone else's insurance when you can buy it through FORBS.
3. Mary Ann mentioned that she heard on the news that the Governor was going to sign AB 2257 into law next week. It would allow Uber, Lift and food drivers to be independent and exempts them from AB 5.
4. Elf One John mentioned to the membership that with Covid 19, the Board took action to waive the 2021 Dues, which would have been payable in January 2021. He also said that if you are one of the members that paid your dues in advance, your due date for your dues will be extended out an additional year. Mary Ann said that when you receive your membership card, it will have the year that your membership is good through.
5. Mary Ann said that she was on the Orange County Santas' Zoom August meeting and that Santa Ric Erwin was saying that there were 3 to 4 Covid 19 vaccines that are being worked on globally that are in Stage 3 testing: 1) In Germany, 2) In England, 3) In the USA, and 4) Russia is saying that they have one too.
6. Santa Ric reminded everyone to get their flu vaccine this year, and there is a high dosage for Senior; and also get the Covid 19 vaccine when it becomes available.
7. Santa Ric also mentioned that JingleRing.com is hiring 250 Santas for their virtual Santa Claus program.
8. Santa Joe wanted the membership to know that he just converted the server that his websites are on to a C-Panel, and that all his sites are SSL, or have a Security Certificate, including our website <https://realsantasandiego.com/>

ACTIVITIES

Santa Joe let the membership know that Brother Claus Stephen Gillham will be having a "Zoom" seminar on "Smart Santa" sometime in September. The seminar will cost \$125. He is limiting the class to 25 devices on line. He also stated that he has already signed up for the class.

Since there was no other business, meeting was adjourned and Training Commenced.

TRAINING: Given by Santa Joe on the “Characteristics of Santa”

Santa Joe said that two weeks ago at his Wednesday afternoon training, those present spoke and came up with 24 Characteristics a Santa should have, and those Characteristics a Santa should not have.

A Santa should be:

1. Be Jolly
2. Have a Smile: Practice your smile in a mirror. A smile is not just your lips, but your cheeks and eyes also.
3. Be an Entertainer: Santa takes Center Stage. Do Sing Alongs, Story Telling, Simple Magic, Play Music, i.e. Santa Glen use to teach a ukulele class.
4. Be Gregarious: Sociable and Fond of Company
5. Be Respectful
6. Be Happy
7. Be Loving
8. Be Kind
9. Be Endearing
10. Be Giving/Generous
11. Be a Good Listener
12. Be Playful
13. Be Magical
14. Be Wholesome
15. Be Outgoing
16. Be Patient
17. Be Clean (Good Hygiene)
18. Be Sober
19. Smell Good (Not just good hygiene, Santa’s scents – No Smoking or No alcohol Smells)
Bed, Bath and Beyond sells a Peppermint Spray.
20. Be Friendly
21. Santa should Like Kids (or fake it very well)
22. Have Self Controlled: Does not lose his temper, does not lose control.
23. Be Flexible
24. Be Color blinded

How to become Santa: Read and live those characteristics. If you are in a Santa’s attire, you need to have and show those Santa’s characteristics. Not just the Santa suit, but if you are in Red, if you are wearing clothing with Santa on it. Be Santa.

How Do You or I Become Santa?

1. Read the Characteristics
2. Be One with your Suit
3. Get Training/Don’t try to wing it.

What CAN'T YOU/I Do as Santa?

1. Don't Break Character (if you are Santa, talk to them as Santa, not who you really are)
2. Don't Be Grumpy
3. Don't Stink or Drink (Alcohol)
4. Don't Use Bad Language

5. Don't Argue
6. Don't be Late
7. Don't be a No Show

8. Don't Invite Women to sit on your lap. If a woman ask you if they can sit on your lap, that is different, but don't you invite them to sit on your lap.

Santa Joe asked if we have anything else to add to the list:

1. Dale Law: When speaking to the children don't be gender specific if you are not sure if it is a boy or a girl.
2. Mary Ann: Make sure you know where your hands are. Make sure that both your hands are always in the pictures.
3. Eileen: Have Empathy.
4. Eileen asked Santa Joe, how he responds to a customer if they say "Santa has Vodka in his water bottle". Should it be laugh off? Santa Joe said "No" don't laugh it off. Say "Santa doesn't drink.

Training ended with a big thank you to Santa Joe.

Submitted By: Mary Ann Schafer, Secretary