

**SAN DIEGO SANTAS
A CHAPTER OF FORBS**

Membership Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2021

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Board Members: 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

Commenced: 11:54 am **via Zoom;** **Adjourned:** 12:18 pm

No guests were in Attendance.

Meeting called to order by Elf One John Lorne Jr., and he welcomed the members present. Mary Ann led the members in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **Invocation** was given by Santa Joe McGrievy.

Member(s) Under the Weather: Mary Ann mentioned that Santa Larry Barnes was going to have pace maker surgery a couple of weeks ago. Santa John Webster was having a medical procedure to check on the extra beat, that he has now and then, from his heart; but he said that he is doing fine. Also, Santa Joe mentioned that he is having AV fistula surgery this Friday, January 8, which is surgery to connect/infuse an artery and a vein for dialysis access. Santa Joe said that he doesn't need dialysis right now, but he may in the future. On Monday, January 11, contact was made with Santa Joe and he said that his surgery went well and that he has some pain and can't pick up much weight with his left hand. He said that he had a magic show on Saturday and had another magician with him to do the show if he couldn't. However; Santa Joe was able to do the magic, however his fellow magician assisted him by carrying in his props and setting his equipment up for him. He said that he has lost some feeling in the hand, but it does not bothering me.

Membership's Minutes from November 3, 2020, was up for approval and a **Motion to Accept Minutes** was made by Santa Joe; **Seconded** by Santa Greg; **Vote Taken** and **Passed**.

Treasurer's Report for January 2021 was reported by Kathie. She stated that there is \$9,446.19 in our General Fund, which includes the remaining balance from our Santa's Special Delivery of \$25.18. She also stated that the Reunion Account has a balance of \$2,161.81. It should be noted that the Treasurer's Report was Approved at the Board Meeting.

Sunshine Report: Was given by Santa Joe; he announced the January Birthdays:

Jan 1 Susan Breeden	Jan 1 Lisa Dorschel	Jan 6 Dena Kerr	Jan 8 Laura Miller
Jan 13 Ed Nabors	Jan 14 Mary Ann Schafer	Jan 20 Chuck Riffe	Jan 22 Mike Walsh
Jan 23 Mark Hartman	Jan 26 Elsie Sullivan-Tait	Jan 29 Aliyah Lee - Bishop	

Santa Joe asked if anyone has heard from Elsie Sullivan-Tait. Santa Steve Schafer said that he stopped and visited with her a few weeks ago and she was doing well.

CURRENT BUSINESS:**1. Santa's Special Delivery (SDD) 2020 by SSD Coordinator Kathie Wellington:**

- Kathie mentioned that one of our Santas was following up with his assigned family and the mother had misunderstood and thought she could just have the gifts dropped off, but not by Santa. Kathie made contact with the mother and worked out the misunderstanding. The Santa was able to visit and do his delivery.
- She mentioned that she is only missing receipts from one Santa.
- Kathie stated that we delivered to six families, for a total of seven children. She said that we spent on this year's delivery, for the six families, a total of \$2082.50; and as stated above the remaining balance in the Santas' Special Delivery account is \$25.18. She also mentioned that Santa David Kerr delivered to two families.
- Santa Joe asked Kathie, if she could mention the Santas that participated in the Special Delivery and she said that the Santas were: Santa Steve Schafer, Santa Bob Perry, Santa David Kerr, Santa Mark Hartman and Santa Tony Williams. Kathie said a Big Thank You to all the Santas that stepped up and went over and beyond their task.

2. 2021 Elections:

- Santa Greg reported that he has thus far had no volunteers from the membership for any of the Board positions; other than the current elected Board. So if any of our members are interested in submitting their name for one of the five Board Position, please let Santa Greg know as soon as possible at SantaClausGreg@gmail.com

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mary Ann wanted to mention that Santa Jim Long was having difficulty with his internet and could not attend the "Zoom" meeting today. However, he asked her to mention that Santa Ric Erwin, Chairman of FORBS, sent him a message about the FORBS Reunion that was scheduled for January 29 thru 31, at Knott's Berry Farm, is postponed. Santa Ric is hoping that we can have a physical Reunion in June or July of this year. However, Santa Ric said that there will be a placeholder or a "virtual luncheon" on Sunday, January 31, 2021. More information to follow.

TRAINING: Santas Speak on their Special Delivery

1. Santa Bob Perry said that when he called his person, she said that she did not want a Santa to deliver the gifts; she said that she thought it was optional. Santa Bob said that he informed Kathie and that Kathie contact the person, and Santa Bob was able to do his delivery.
 - Santa Bob said that the son said that he only wanted a sweater and a blanket, however, when Santa Bob did his delivery, he had also purchased the child a bicycle; the child was surprise and happy.
 - Santa Bob said that they meet at the driveway of their home; however, he said that he understood, especially since she is going through cancer treatment.
 - Santa Bob told Santa Joe that he also delivered to the family he had last year. That he and his family picked up the cost for the delivery.
2. Santa Steve Schafer said that he did what Santa Joe does. He contacted his family and spoke to the son and asked him how he has been this year and what he wanted Santa to bring him for Christmas. The boy is a big Black Panther fan and said that he wanted a Black Panther.

- Santa Steve said that he did his delivery on Christmas Eve, because the family was going to Palm Spring on Christmas day. However, Santa Steve took his son, Steven, as a helper, and they both forgot their mask. So they had to stop at a AM/PM to purchase one. But he said that everything went smoothly after that.

The Santas spoke on their Santa season:

3. Santa Steve said that he worked a few days at Sea Port Village for Eileen Lapins. On one of those days, he had a news reporter come out and interviewed him about being Santa season and how it is going. They spoke to him for about 1-1/2 hours. He said that when it aired, his Ukulele got more air time than he did.
4. Santa Steve also said that he saw about a two minute segment on Kathie's Tree House on the news. Kathie's cousin Santa John Hudson was the Santa that spoke to the news personnel. Santa Steve also said that he worked a couple days for Kathie at the Tree House.
5. Eileen Lapins said that she was glad that the news came out and interviewed Santa Steve. And she was happy that her Santa location at Sea Port Village was mentioned. However, Kathie also wanted to said that Santa Bob Perry also did a commercial for the "7 Seas Coffee Roaster in South Park.
6. Santa Joe said another of our Santas, Santa Mike Stillwell also did a commercial for a car dealership in El Cajon.
7. Santa Joe said that he worked for the "Santa Experience;" a virtual experience with Santa. He mentioned that they paid \$75 per hour and he worked approximately 120 hours for them.
 - Santa Joe said that when the family logs on to "Zoom," they are met by an Elf. The Elf leads them to a sleigh, but before they take off in the sleigh they have to wake another Elf so that he can feed the reindeers. Then from there they visiting the workshop and then visit Mrs. Claus in the kitchen making cookies. There last stop is a visit with Santa, and that is when Santa Joe connected with them on his segment of "Zoom."

Training next month, Santa Joe will share the "Santa Experience" to the membership.

Since there was no other business, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Mary Ann Schafer, Secretary