

**SAN DIEGO SANTAS  
A CHAPTER OF FORBS**

**Membership Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2021**

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<https://realsantasandiego.com/minutes/>

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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:** 11:45 am **via Zoom;** **Adjourned:** 12:57 pm

No guests were in Attendance.

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

**Member(s) Under the Weather:** Mary Ann said that she did not hear about anyone being sick; however, we did have Santa Jeff Marcus pass on January 18 due to Covid 19 complications. Mary Ann mentioned that Kathie sent a note to Santa Jeff's wife Peggy, with a donation from our Club.

**Members' Minutes from January 6, 2021,** was up for approval and Elf One John asked if there were any corrections that needed to be made; none were mentioned. He asked for **Acceptance of the Minutes, Vote Taken and Passed.**

**Treasurer's Report for February 2021, was approved at the Board Meeting:** Kathie stated that there is \$8486.69 in our General Fund, \$25.18 in the Special Delivery Fund (inclusive in the General Fund Total) and \$2161.81 in the Reunion Account.

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

Feb 10	Pam Scatterday	Feb 22	Steve Eggerman	Feb 22	Kattie Wellington r
Feb 24	John Frazer	Feb 25	Byron Ball	Feb 27	David Kerr
	Feb 27	Debee Trant	Feb 29	Kimberly Hartman	

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. 2021 Elections:**

- Santa Greg reported that he did not have any volunteers from the membership. The members present were asked if they wanted to run for any of the position and none responded.
- Since there were no volunteers, Santa Greg stated that the official Slate of Nominees for the 2021-2023 Board Positions are as follows: Elf One John Lorne Jr. for President, Santa Joe McGrievy for Vice-President, Kathie Wellington for Treasurer, Santa Greg Cook for Sergeant at Arms and Mary Ann Schafer for Secretary.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Santa Ric Erwin, said a few words about the 2021 FORBS Virtual Santa Reunion and that meeting and training was all on-line and went well. He mentioned that with 39 States having FORBS Santas members, FORBS will have to hold more meeting on line so that Santas from the different States can attend. Elf One John said the workshop could be on line also.

**TRAINING: Santas Joe and “Santa the Experience”**

Santa Joe showed a short video on “Santa the Experience,” the company that he worked for this past Christmas Season.

The video was approximately seven to eight minutes long, but excluded see the Santa visit. It showed an Elf welcoming you and arranging for you to takeoff in a sleigh with the reindeers to the North Pole. It gives the impression that you are flying in the sleigh with the reindeer in front. You are then welcomed by another Elf who takes you on a tour of the Elf’s bedroom, to the Mailroom, to the Reindeer Stables, to the Toy Factory, to visit Mrs. Claus in the kitchen, and then the clients had a “Zoom” call with Santa. The total time was approximately 12 minutes. If you would like to see it, go to “<https://santatheexperience.com/>” and see some of the scenes.

Santa Joe said that he received an email from Santa Ed Taylor who was canvassing for Santas to work for “Jingle Ring.” He was told it paid \$25 an hour with a small commission, so maybe around \$35 per hour, which he thought was low, considering what he was getting paid for his private visits.

He saw the “Santa the Experience,” ad, another virtual Santa program; and he submitted his audition tape to the company. The company paid \$75 per hours, and you spent 5 minutes with the clients, and spent one minute reviewing their information. They had a script for you, for you portion, and that you could waiver from it a little. Santa Joe said that he work 120 hours for them and made approximately \$9000. He said that he makes more doing private events, however, doing the “Santa the Experience” he didn’t have to drive anywhere, and was only spending 6 minutes per family, and the company found the clients. He said that the company asked him for his scheduled and he told that that he would like to start work at 6 am, and on the weekend he would start later in the day. He said that he saw/spoke to families from Ireland, Italy and from all over the world. If he had a full day of work, he would see nine families per hour (6 min x 9 families = 54 minutes of work time), then 6 minutes to get up and stretch and/or take care of business. Santa Joe said that he told them that if they have him scheduled to work an eight hour day, they would need to schedule him a ½ hour lunch. Santa Joe said that he would do it next year if the opportunity is there.

Since there was no other business, meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Mary Ann Schafer, Secretary