

**SAN DIEGO SANTAS
A CHAPTER OF FORBS**

Membership Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2021

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Board Members: President John Lorne Jr., Vice-President Joe McGrievy, Treasurer Kathie Wellington, Sergeant at Arms Greg Cook, and Secretary Mary Ann Schafer

Commenced: 2:00 pm at the VFW El Cajon **Adjourned:** 2:55 pm

No guests were in Attendance and the meeting was called to order by Elf One John Lorne Jr. He welcomed the members present and the **Pledge of Allegiance** was said and “**God Bless America**” was sung by the Membership. The **Invocation** was given by Santa Mark Hartman.

Member(s) Under the Weather: Santa Joe mentioned that Santa Ken Ball has not been feeling well.

Members' Minutes from April 7, was submitted for approval. **Motion to Accept** the minutes was offered by Santa Steve Schafer and **Seconded** by Santa Ed Nabors. **Vote Taken and Passed.**

Treasurer's Report for May 2021 was given by Kathie and she stated that the General Fund has \$8431.79, Special Delivery Fund, \$25.18 and the Reunion Fund, \$2161.81 for a total of \$10,618.78 in our Accounts. The Treasurer's Report was Approved at the Board Meeting.

Sunshine Report: Cindy Renner-McGrievy announced the May's Birthdays:

May 13	Deborah Circo	May 14	Morris Saracino	May 17	William Tagart
May 18	Alejandra Barcenas	May 30	Rod Scatterday		

Happy Birthday was sung by the members. Cindy mentioned to the membership that Pam Scatterday will be taking over as the Sunshine Person. Mary Ann made a **Motion** for that Kathie to purchase a roll of forever stamps for Pam. **Discussion** was held as to the amount, the style and how to handle it. Mary Ann **Withdrew the Motion** and it was determined that the Board will take up this matter at the next Board Meeting in June.

Elf One John turned the meeting over to Santa Charlie Padelford. Santa Charlie said that he wanted to inform the members that he will be leaving San Diego the beginning of June. He said that he sold his home and has purchased a new one in Henderson, Nevada. Some members took turns telling Santa Charlie, how he will be missed and to kept in touch.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Location for Physical Meeting

- Kathie said that the Golden Corral is still closed; and that Elk Lodge cannot be used at this time.

- Elf One John asked Santa Ken Brassell if the VFW could host us for our June and July Meeting. Santa Ken said he would ask.
 - Santa Ken said that its 99% clear for next month, but that he would let Mary Ann know for sure if we can have the meeting there.
 - **Note: On May 7 Mary Ann received an email from Santa Ken and he said that we have the VFW for our June 2 meeting. Santa Ken also said that Virginia, the cook, will also make extra lunch meals in case our members want to buy lunch there. The cost is \$7.00**
- Kathie said that she contacted The Olive Garden in Grossmont and the Manager said that they have a room that can accommodate our group. However they need to have a more accurate number on how many will be in attendance; so that they can plan accordingly on the number of staff they will need.
 - Mary Ann asked Kathie if they can reserve the room for us with an estimate number and come back one to two weeks before the meeting with a more accurate number.
 - Mary Ann said that we will have to ask our members to reserve their spot for the meeting by a certain date.
 - Kathie said she will contact the Oliver Garden and see what they say.
- Rod Scatterday said that the Ranch House Manager, in Santee, said that they could possible hold 40 people, but no more.
- Bob Perry said that the Café 67 in Santee is too small

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fund Raiser Dinner for Santa's Special Delivery

- Elf One John said that the date we are aiming to have the Fund Raiser Dinner is on Sunday, September 19, 2021.
- We need members to sell tickets.
- Mary Ann said that we will need volunteers, not only to help cook, but to serve, and help setting and cleaning up.
- Mary Ann also said that we will need raffle baskets and/or gift cards.

2. Santa Ric Erwin said the Orange County Santas' Annual Joint Chapter Meeting/Picnic will be on June 19th at the Pavilion #5 at the Craig Regional Park on 3300 N State College Blvd, Fullerton, CA 92835 from 11am to 6 pm.

- Bring your own chairs, drinks and meat for the BBQ—and if you feel comfortable sharing food, with the pandemic restrictions lifted by then, feel free to bring a side dish to share. If you do not, nobody will judge you (so please do not judge others for their choices).
- Santa Pete North said to use the State College Exit to get to the Craig Park entrance. He said that the entrance to the park is on the State College side.

3. Santa John Frazer said that he had a great Christmas. That he did "Sneak a Peek." He explained what he did on his "Sneak a Peek."

4. Santa Ken Brassell mentioned that the VFW is having a BBQ and Fund Raiser on June 6 from 1 pm to 4 pm at the VFW on 136 Chambers Street in El Cajon. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers with a donation being requested. He said that all the money donated will go to the Final Honor. "The Final Honor" is a beautiful horse drawn carriage service that is offered to families at the time of the burial service for their loved one. These veterans are buried at the Miramar National Cemetery and are transferred graciously to the designated shelter by the "Final Honor". These donations will allow this service to be offered free to these families.

TRAINING:

Santas Joe McGrievy trained on his Fairy Dust Boxes. It was a great training for Santas who do private events. Santa Joe showed three Fairy Dust Boxes. He purchased one for \$400 and the other two he made. He explained how the story goes and he also explained how each box worked. He explained and showed the members how he made the two boxes and how they are different from the one he purchased. He told the group, that they can make their own for less money and they can make it better for less.

Since there was no other business, meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Mary Ann Schafer, Secretary