

**SAN DIEGO SANTAS
A CHAPTER OF FORBS**

Membership Meeting Minutes for July 7, 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:** 2:45 pm

The meeting was called to order by Elf One John and he welcomed the members present. He asked if we had any guest present, and we had a former member, who re-joined early today, Santa Thomas Shaff. Elf One John led the member in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and singing “**God Bless America.**” The **Invocation** was given by Santa Joe McGrievy.

There was no mentioned of any Member(s) that were Under the Weather.

The Minutes from June 2, 2021 was submitted for approval and since there were no corrections or additions, the minutes were **Approved As Is.**

Treasurer's Report for July 2021 was given by Kathie who stated that there is \$145.18 in the Special Delivery Fund, \$8165.95 in the General Fund and \$2161.81 in the Reunion Fund; for a total of \$10,472.94 in our accounts. The Treasurer's Report was Approved at the Board Meeting.

Sunshine Report: Pam Scatterday announced the July's Birthdays and Happy Birthday was sung by the members.

July 6	Tina O'Neill	July 7	Debbie Wensman	July 8	James Gagne
July 9	Darrel (Griz) Exline	July 10	Bill Vandale	July 18	James Long
July 18	Billy Weller	July 21	Charlie Padelford	July 24	Diana Lorne
July 24	Elaine Webster	July 26	Diana Perry	July 27	John Webster
July 31	Joe McGrievy	July 31	Debbie Walker		

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Location for Physical Meeting:

- Mary Ann said that the email survey on where the members want to meet, 12 votes were for the VFW and 15 wanted to meet in Restaurants with a variety of food.
- She stated that the August 4th meeting will be at the Olive Garden at the Grossmont Mall with the Board Meeting starting at 11 am and the Members' Meeting at 11:45 am. A link to their menu will be send to the members.
- She also stated that the September 1st meeting will be at the Golden Coral in El Cajon, at 11am Board Meeting and 11:45 am Members' Meeting
- Mary Ann said that she was grateful and wanted to say Thank You to the VFW for accommodate our group during this period of uncertainty.

2. Fund Raiser Dinner for Santa's Special Delivery

- Kathy said that we will be having our fund raiser dinner on Sunday, September 19, 2021 from 4:30 to 7 pm on the food service.
- She indicated that we have tickets available for members to pick up and sell. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.
- Mary Ann said that as we get closer, we will need volunteers to cook, serves, set up and clean as well as the need for raffle baskets and gift cards.

3. PayPal/Square Update:

- Kathie said that we now have a PayPal Account and that we will be able to use it for paying for tickets, donations and dues.
 - She said that with the PayPal link, if you don't have an account, it will prompt you to create one. After indicating the amount you are paying, the person needs to press Friends/Family so that there won't be a charge. If they press Business, there will be a charge. Also under additional information, we need to know what the money is for: For tickets, (how many; i.e 10 tickets paying \$120); or Donation Only (To the Santa's Cause); or Dues (when they become payable).
- Santa Joe told the membership that they can send the links to their clients, family and friend to ask for donations to the dinner for the Santa's Special Delivery.
- Kathie asked Mary Ann if she can send the link out to the members so that they can use it when selling tickets for the dinner or if someone wants to make a donation to the dinner
- Mary Ann said she would. Mary Ann said that she will work on an email for the membership to use to send out to their family, friends and clients.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Elf One John, asked Santa Ken to tell the membership how the fund raiser went for the "Final Honor Hearse" program. Santa Ken said that the room was full of people. Had Magicians, and Santas. He said that in the few hours that the event was held, from the raffles, 50/50 and donations, they raised a total of \$20,260. Santa Ken said that when they told the handler how much they had raised, she could not stop thanking him and giving hugs. She said that they will be able to do the horse drawn hearse services for over a year, free to the veterans.
2. Santa Ken asked if he made a bigger and thicker poster for the Elks Lodge for the Fund Raiser Dinner, if he could get reimbursed. Mary Ann made a Motion to reimburse Santa Ken for the Poster he will be making for the Fund Raiser Dinner. Seconded by Santa Joe. Vote Taken and Passed.
3. Santa Steve Schafer told the group about the San Diego Padres having Christmas in July on July 27. He told them that they are giving a Padres Santa's/Christmas hat. He said the lowest price ticket runs around \$38. Santa Steve also said that Mary Ann sent an email out last week with the link.
4. Mary Ann said that she heard from our Santa Charlie Padelford in Henderson, Nevada and that he said to say hi to everyone.

Since there was no other business, Elf One John adjourned the Meeting.

TRAINING:

Santa Greg Cook gave training on some of the things that he does when he goes to his private Santa events. He told the members about some of the books he has read “Real Bearded Santas, Behind the Red Suit” by Timothy Connaghan, and “Santalogy” by Santa Stephen Gillham. He spoke of how he using the suggestions in the books to help him with his story telling and shortcuts he uses to help him with his story time and other things. Santa Greg spoke about some of his good times and some not so good. We want to say a big thank you to Santa Greg for taking time and sharing about his experiences in his Santa’s world with us.

Submitted by Mary Ann Schafer, Secretary