

**SAN DIEGO SANTAS
A CHAPTER OF FORBS**

Membership Meeting Minutes for August 4, 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: 1:17 pm at the Olive Garden, Grossmont Center El Cajon **Adjourned:** 2:35 pm

The meeting was called to order by John and he welcomed the members present. He asked if we had any guest(s) present, and we had Maria Nollet's granddaughter Kelly present. John led the members in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance and singing "God Bless America."** The **Invocation** was given by Mark Hartman.

Member(s) Under the Weather: The only member that we have heard about was Richard Stahley, whose heart surgery went well and he is now at the Carmel Mountain Rehabilitation and Health Care Facility, Room 208B, 11895 Avenue of Industry, San Diego 92128, phone number 858 673-0101 X119 to schedule a time to go visit him.

Members Minutes from July 7, 2021, was up for approval and since there were no corrections or additions noted; Minutes were **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report for August 2021 was given by Kathie who stated that there is \$8988.05 in the General Fund which includes the \$848.43 in the Special Delivery Fund; and in the Reunion Fund there is \$2161.81. The Treasurer's Report was Approved at the Board Meeting.

Sunshine Report given by Pam Scatterday and she announced the August Birthdays and Happy Birthday was sung by the members.

Aug 2	John Hudson	Aug 5	Loren Smith	Aug 10	Bob Fallon
Aug 16	Larry Barnes e	Aug 17	Pat Bailey	Aug 19	Keith Breeden
Aug 20	Ric Erwin	Aug 26	Luis Barcenass	Aug 26	Judy Gagne
Aug 26	Markie Wensman	Aug 27	Ken Ball	Aug 30	Ian Ruz

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Location for the September 1, 2021 Meeting:

- Mary Ann stated that the September 1st meeting will be at the Golden Corral in El Cajon, with the Board Meeting at 11 am and Members' Meeting at 11:45am. The address for the Golden Corral is 390 W Main St, El Cajon, CA 92020. We hope to see everyone there.

2. Fund Raiser Dinner

- Tickets:** Kathie asked those who took tickets to sell, if they could turn in the money they have so far. And if someone needs additional tickets to sell, to please see her.

- **Volunteers:** Mary Ann said that there is a volunteer list going around, and we need those who can help to please sign up.
- **Gift Baskets/Gift Cards:** Kathie asked for gift cards and/or gift baskets for the auction at the Fund Raiser Dinner.
 - John Hudson said that we should do a letter asking for donations, he said that people would donate if they know that they can deduct it from their taxes with our 501(C) number.
 - Mary Ann explains that donations have to come from the kindness of their hearts because we are a non-profit social club, a 501(C) 7 and not a 501(C) 3.
 - Glen Bailey said why don't we use money from our General Fund for the baskets.
 - Mary Ann said that the Board already took action to allow Kathie to use designated money from the General Fund for the baskets if needed.
- **Tickets:** Ken Brassell has sold 169 dinner tickets so far.
- **Dessert:** Ken said that a couple of the Elkiners (women Elks) said that they would make 60 desserts each. Ken is going to try to get a few more to make 60 desserts each.
 - Mary Ann asked would we be paying for the ingredients and Ken said "No," and Joe said "Yes." He will let us know.
 - Ken also said that Bernice will make her great cupcakes and we can raffle them off.

UPDATED: An email was received from Ken saying that the women from the Elks Lodge changed their minds on making the desserts. We need to go with our other choice, Costco.

- **Gift Baskets:** Ken and Kathie both said that there are two ladies at the Elks Lodge that said that they would each donate two baskets each towards the auction.

3. PayPal/QR Code:

- Kathie said that we have a QR code for our PayPal Account and that it can be used for paying for tickets, donations and dues.
- With the QR code, you scan it with your phone and it will direct to the PayPal site. If you have a PayPal account it is easier to use. If you don't it will direct you to set one up. She said that she has a few of the QR code pictures available; if you want one to please see her.

4. **Alcohol Permit:** Mary Ann asked Ken about the alcohol permit and he said that it is \$100 and will use money from the tickets he sold to pay for it. He explained that the alcohol permit will allow guests, at the Fund Raiser Dinner, to purchase alcoholic drinks without an Elks' member signing for them at the bar.

5. **Entertainment/Auction:** Joe said that the challenge is how to keep people moving. We run out of chairs for people to sit to eat their meal.

- It was mentioned that the diners hang around for the raffles.
 - Dale Law said that if we could have the entertainments, the magicians in a different area, maybe we could move the finish diners away from the dining tables.
 - Joe said that the raffle numbers can be read where we have the entertainment.
 - Rod Scatterday said to use the area by the stage.
 - Mark Hartman said that it needs to be away from the diners.
 - Kathie said that runners could be used to deliver the winning auction numbers to where the entertainment is being held.
 - Kathie also said we could put notes on the table asking the diner to vacate the table if they are done eating and if there are other diners waiting to seat down to eat.
 - John Frazer said to use different color raffle tickets for different times.
 - Joe said the diner would still hang around for the raffle despite the different times, and it could be confusing.

- A discussed was held on the possibility of using the inside dining room for the entertainment only.
 - Ken Brassell said he would ask. He said that the donation the Elks Lodge was requesting (mentioned at the Board Meeting) maybe could be used to bargain with them for the dining also.
- Ken and Kathie will look into the possibility of using the dining room for the entertainment. It was mentioned that maybe the Elks Lodge would accept the \$250 donation for wrapping accessories in exchange for use of the dining room for the entertainment.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2022 FORBS Reunion:** Bob Callahan spoke on the 2022 FORBS Reunion being held January 28th through the 30th at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel. He mentioned that the rooms are \$121 plus tax and that you call the Hotel and reserve your room. Let them know that you are with the FORBS. Bob said that he hopes everyone will attend. Mary Ann asked if the Registration site was up, and Bob said no not yet, but soon.
2. Kathie said that she and Ken Brassell went to the Rotary Club's Meeting, held at the Elks Lodge, and spoke to them about our Clubs fund raiser dinner. The members present donated \$120; and she said that the following Tuesday, Ken went again, and they donated \$70. Kathie also said that the Rotary Club of El Cajon, in FORBS honor, made a donation to the Rotary International Polio Plus campaign, to vaccinated 41 children against the polio virus.
3. **Toys for Tots:** Ken Brassell said that on December 12 the El Cajon Toys for Tots will be happening at the Elks Lodge in El Cajon. Ken said that last year 3000 kids received presents. What he wants is for Kathie, himself and his wife Bernice to go through the toys and pick out toys for the Santas' Special Delivery
 - It should be noted that at the Board meeting, a similar item was discussed when Kathie said that Rebecca from the Elks Lodge was hoping for a donation to the Elk of \$250 for wrapping accessories in exchange for toys for the Santas' Special Delivery. T
 - The Board decided we would discuss the donation aspect in November, however, with the Special Delivery, we buy specific toys that the children in the Special Delivery request from Santa; it is not a guarantee that the toys or items the children want would be in the Toys for Tots donations given to the Elks Lodge. Also, the Santas' live all over San Diego County, and it would be time consuming for someone to delivery these toys to the Santas. Most of the Santas complete their purchasing for their family in November or early December so that it does not hinder their Christmas Season/Jobs.

TRAINING:

Training was giving by Steve Schafer; the following questions were discussed by the membership:

1. Does the "Suit" help the person be Santa Claus or an Elf?
2. What are your rituals/superstitions that you do before your jobs or performances in your Santa's world?
3. What is the most bizarre request you have heard/received from the children, besides healing a loved one that is sick or bring back a loved one that has died; and how did you handle it?

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

Submitted by Mary Ann Schafer, Secretary