

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, BOARD MEETING

Call to Order - President Richard Scandaliato called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attendance: Jerry Gaines, Richard Scandaliato, Vern Hall, Richard Welsh, August Caimi, John Lang, Gordon Thomas

Absent : Lori Terzoli, Dave Billings, Teri Pierce

Guests: Erin Sato, Brian Ward

Secretary's Report: The minutes of November 21, 2023, were approved with corrections to the number of new members brought in by Ed Storti: Should read 27 new members out of 41 contacts.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Scandaliato (reporting for Lori Terzoli) reported a balance of \$3,098 in Checking. Confirmed decision to donate \$200 to the SP Elks Student Scholarship fund. The Board Directors Liability Insurance premium of \$1,340 was authorized to make payment for 2024.

Membership Committee: Gordon Thomas discussed upcoming outreach activities to seek both new and renewal memberships for 2024. Both e-mail addresses and street addresses will be used (some 1,320 addresses in South Shores) in the coming weeks. Also, the board approved \$160 to print up a public 4' x 8' sign prepared by Vern Hall and displayed on the fence at 9th Street and Western Ave. to advertise the SCCA upcoming annual meeting and website. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed with Brian Ward, Gordon Thomas, and Richard Scandaliato to review options for outreach.

Web Report: Gordon Thomas discussed the process of using Mail-Chimp and other service issues regarding e-mail activity. More needs to be done (including interfacing with Cyber Watch) to build a comprehensive data e-mail base file.

Sociables – Anita Mannila reported they met at the recent Cocoa event and one widow signed up to their group. They have 23 members.

Sidewalk Brigade – Gordon Thomas reported that they will meet on the morning of 12/31 to work on the Cumbre/Mantis area.

Annual Business Meeting – Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Club.

Annual Reception 2024 – Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Elks Club.

Holiday Decoration Announcement – Board Members were sent nominees addressed photos to review and submit their votes to Gordon ASAP.

Holiday Cocoa Cul-de-sac Event – Brian Ward reported some 50 or more residents attended the event including City Councilman Tim McOsker. Discussion led to planning a January event on a Warmouth cul-de-sac on a Saturday afternoon to promote SCCA membership and upcoming community events.

Open Discussion Follow-up:

1. **Starbuck Project** – The Paragon Group held a local community open event on 12/6 with some 30 or so people in attendance. They have submitted a request to restripe Western Ave. next to their new driveway to DOT and Caltrans so vehicles can exit onto that highway driving north. (Jerry Gaines submitted a separate request to Caltrans to reduce the speed limit on the highway from 19th St/Morse Drive to 25th Street from 40-mph to 35 mph to match the 35-mph limit on nearby 25th St.). The proposed drive-thru coffee restaurant project will be brought before the LA City Zoning Administrator for a hearing sometime in January.

2. **New Board Members** -- Jerry Gaines made a motion to seat Erin Soto and Brian Ward to the SSCA Board for the remaining program year ending on March 19, 2024. Both residents have attended meetings as guests, working to organize Cocoa at eh Cul-de-sac events to build community support. Moved by Jerry, seconded by Vern – Motion Passed Unanimously.

3. **Viewpoint Publication** – Vern Hall made a motion to discontinue the planning of a specific annual publication given that news and activities are presented via the website on a monthly basis. Duplication efforts with this historical publication are no longer necessary to inform members of SSCA activities and news. Moved by Vern, seconded by Jerry – Motion Passed Unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Jerry Gaines, Secretary