

Arts Council of Torrance
General Membership Meeting November 5, 2016
Sizzler Restaurant

The meeting of the General Membership was called to order at 11 :53 a.m. at the Sizzler Restaurant on Sepulveda Blvd. Torrance, CA by President Steve Norris.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Mike Griffiths. Mary P. Miller let the group in singing America the Beautiful.

President Norris introduced guests including Councilman Mike Griffiths and Councilman Kurt Weideman.

President Norris stated that the minutes of the previous has been approved by an appointed committee and copies were made available to the members. President Norris appointed Richard Whitehorse, Janene Ferguson and Megan Willis to read and approve today's minutes.

Treasurer Patrice Lefevre distributed copies of the following the financial report from May 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2016:

Beginning Balance Checking B of A as of 5/1/2016	\$14,133.32
Sally Stowe Memorial Fund	<u>\$ 1,060.00</u>
	\$15,193.32
Total Income	\$ 2,992.03
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 5,804.00</u>
Ending Balance Checking TCCU	\$10,671.32
Sally Stowe Memorial Fund	\$ 1,660.03
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Ending Total Cash Balance	\$12,281.35

Megan Willis **moved** to approve the report for file. Janene Ferguson **seconded** the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer Patrice Lefevre distributed copies of a Revised Proposed Budget which included unforeseen donations and grants received (Grant from Torrance Cultural Arts Commission, a designated donation for Flanders Field program, and grant received from Grainger) and monies allocated for special events proposed by the Board of Directors i.e. Poetry Slam, Exhibit of Reflections Artwork, *The Tribute to Veterans: Poppies of Flanders Field*, and Celebrating Women's Achievements program. Richard Whitehorse **moved to accept** the Revised Proposed Budget; Pam Barrett **seconded** the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Announcements were made of upcoming events *including The Poppies of Flanders Field: A Tribute to Veterans* on November 10, at the Torrance Main Library and the South Town Chorus program which will be presented on November 20, 2016 at 2 p.m at the Armstrong Theatre.

After lunch, President Norris introduced Megan Willis who read several poems from her recently published book "Ginger Snips" which includes poetry she has written over several years of her experiences.

Megan has been an ACT board member for the past two years, and has sung with the Los Cancioneros Master Chorale for 20 years. She has also served as the LCMC representative on the Torrance Performing Arts Consortium for 14 years.

President Norris thanked Megan for her delightful and well-received presentation.

Opportunity drawing winning tickets were drawn and prizes distributed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m

Peggy Dowell
Recording Secretary

