

**Arts Council of Torrance
General Membership Meeting
February 7, 2015
Sizzler Restaurant**

Approved 2-24-2015 by ACT Board of Directors at its Regular Meeting
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At approximately 11:30 a.m. prior to the opening of the meeting, Sue Berliner, 1st VP introduced the main speaker, Mr. Ted Lange. Mr. Lange provided the attendees with some insight behind his plays that which gives everyone a more accurate picture of the prominent role that many Black Americans played in the formation of the United States. He spoke of how he integrated these historical facts into the many plays he has written, including "Let Freedom Ring", a reading of which would be presented at the Nakano Theatre the following evening at 7:30 p.m. He also told us many interesting facts he has uncovered in his quest as a history buff, many relating to our founding fathers, such as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and encouraged us to attend the play.

President Steve Norris called the meeting of the General Membership to order at 12:07 p.m. at the Sizzler Restaurant on Sepulveda Blvd. Torrance, CA.

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

President Norris introduced guests including Councilman Mike Griffiths, and several City of Torrance Commissioners.

President Norris stated that the minutes of the previous has been approved by an appointed committee and copies were available for those interested.

Since Treasurer Patrice Lefevre was unable to attend, President Norris gave the report as follows:

Total Cash as of December 31, 2014

Checking:	\$4,124.71
CD	\$9,619.39
Petty Cash	50.00

Ending ACT Cash Balance \$13,794.10

Megan Willis **moved** to accept the report; Richard Whitehorse **seconded**. **Motion Carried**.

President Norris introduced Sue Berliner, Program Chair.

Sue then introduced Ron Lebbrecht a Torrance artist who also owns a gallery and printing facility in downtown Torrance, APC Fine Arts. A photo of Ron's recent work was featured in February's invitation to this event.

Ron displayed pieces of his most recent artwork created by him and Ron Hust for Justice: Urban Tavern located at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. He explained the history

behind the colorful paintings and the processes they used in creating them. The originals are on display at the Hotel. Ron's artwork may also be viewed at the Harbor Credit Union.

Sue thanked Ron for his interesting talk and presented him with a small thank you gift.

Luncheon was served.

Announcements were made and drawing for the opportunity items was held.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Peggy Dowell
Secretary