

**Minutes
Arts Council of Torrance
General Membership Annual Meeting
June 3, 2017
Sizzler Restaurant -Sepulveda Blvd.- Torrance**

President Steve Norris called the General Membership Annual Meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. in the large meeting room at the Sizzler Restaurant on Sepulveda Boulevard in Torrance. Councilmember Kurt Weideman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary P. Miller led the group in singing “God Bless America”.

Steve Norris introduced dignitaries, Council Member Kurt Weideman, Former Mayor Dee Hardison, Cultural Arts Commissioners Megan Willis, Anil S. Muhammed.

Copies of the March 4, 2017 GMM which had been approved by the Board of Directors, were distributed. Steve appointed Megan Willis, Sue Berliner to read and approve today’s minutes.

Treasurer, Patrice Lefevre presented the Financial Report from February 1 through April 30, 2017 indicating the following:

Beginning Balance (02-01-2017)	
Torrance Community Credit Union:	\$ 17,543.15
Sally Stowe Arts Achievement Award Fund	1,660.03
Petty Cash	\$ <u>50.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>19,253.18</u>
Total Income:	\$ 981.04
Total Expenses:	\$ 6,790.71
Ending Bank TCCU Balance	\$ 12,233.10
Sally Stowe Memorial Fund	\$ 1,160.41
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total Cash on Hand	\$ <u>13,443.51</u>

Peggy Dowell **moved** that the report be filed for audit. Megan Willis **seconded** the motion.
Motion Carried.

The proposed budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year was not presented.

During luncheon, President Norris gave a recap of the events and programs that were presented by the Arts Council over the past year. The events discussed were:

Flag Day Salute with speaker **Everette Emerson** (co-sponsored with TPAC)

The Poppies of Flanders Field: A Tribute to our Veterans (co-sponsored with TPAC) with speaker **Everette Emerson**;

Celebrating Women's History Event written by **Susan Norris** featuring actors **Eliana Fu, Diana Mann, Erin Beck-Acain** and hosted by **Barbara Kanegsberg**;

Arts Council co-sponsored with TPAC to present **Ted Lange's** *George Washington's Boy* to celebrate Black History Month in the Nakano Theatre.

A *Poetry Slam* for adults and Students (student portion were sponsored in part by the Cultural Arts Commission Grant); was held at the Katy Geissert Library.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Event featuring **Tim Toyama**, Playwright and Executive Producer where his award winning documentary **Visas and Virtues** was screened. Daniel Sugimoto, Playwright and Producer of "Letters to Eve" led his cast of over 25 actors in singing music from this new outstanding play.

The Spotlight Arts Recognition Awards and GMM at the Ken Miller Recreation Center.

President Norris then asked the members to raise their hands if they were in support of this type of programming that the Arts Council had done this past year and want to see it continue this next year. A majority of the members indicated they support these types of programs.

The majority of members present also indicated they would approve placing a \$500 deposit for use of the Nakano Theatre for the 2018 production of "Lady Patriot" by Ted Lange.

President Norris distributed copies of surveys that had been created by the members of Board of Directors and asked that they be filled out and returned today if possible. He stated that the survey is also available on the ACT website.

President Norris then stated that "according to the Arts Council Bylaws which were amended and approved by the membership in 2014, it is required that the proposed nominating committee be approved by the membership. This is usually accomplished by ballot either by standard mail and e-mail. This year that did not happen.

Because the committee was not approved, the resulting slate they proposed is null and void and as a result, nominations for next year's officers will be taken from the floor for all offices:"

Peggy Dowell nominated Megan Willis for President. Seconded by Susan Norris.
Sue Berliner nominated Steve Norris for 1st VP....Seconded by Peggy Dowell
Susan Norris nominated Kathryn Endo Roberts for 2nd VP - Seconded by Megan Willis
Kathryn Endo Roberts nominated Peggy Dowell as Treasurer...Seconded by Susan Norris
Megan Willis nominated Susan Norris as Secretary.....Seconded by Peggy Dowell
There were no nominations for the positions of Corresponding Secretary or Historian.

Since there was but one nomination for each office the members voted to approve the slate listed below:

President	Megan Willis
1 st V.P.	Steve Norris
2 nd V.P.	Kathryn Endo-Roberts
Treasurer	Peggy Dowell
Secretary	Susan Norris
Corresponding Secy	Open
Historian	Open

Dee Hardison, served as the Installation Officer and installed the newly elected 2017-2018 Board of Directors.

Peggy Dowell presented outgoing President Steve Norris with a Certificate of Appreciation, acknowledging his commitment and dedication to fulfilling the goals of the Arts Council. Steve has served as President for four years.

Sue Burliner, Program Chair, expressed her thanks to those in attendance and those who brought artwork to display and share.

The drawing was held for the prizes donated by members and friends.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Peggy Dowell
Secretary