## Minutes Arts Council of Torrance General Membership Meeting June 6, 2015 Sizzler Restaurant

Approved by the Board of Directors on June 25, 2016 with amendment.

The Annual General Membership Meeting of the Arts Council of Torrance was called to order by President Steve Norris at 11:45 on June 6, 2015 in the large meeting room of the Sizzler Restaurant, 2880 Sepulveda Blvd, Torrance, CA.

President Norris greeted everyone and introduced Councilman Mike Griffiths and Torrance City Commissioners in attendance. He then asked Councilman Griffiths to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge Mary P. Miller lead everyone in the singing of *America the Beautiful*.

Jessica Lombard, guest performing artist treated the members and guests by singing her latest compositions while she accompanied herself on a keyboard. Jessica, a native of Torrance, is a rising star on the music scene in Los Angeles.

Copies of the Minutes of the February 2, 2015, General Membership Meeting which had been approved by the Board of Directors were distributed. A correction was noted and made to the minutes.

Patrice Lefevre, Treasurer, presented the following Treasurer's Report:

July 01-2014 thru May 31-2015	
Beginning Balance (6-30-2014) (B of A) \$ 2,464.37	
Income: \$16,827.00	
Expenses: <u>\$17,760.82</u>	
Ending Checking Balance (5-31-2015)	\$ 1,530.55
One West CD Balance 06-30-2014) \$ 9,602.44 One West CD Balance 05-30-2015 (with interest)	\$ 9,642.67
Petty Cash on Hand	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total Cash on Hand_5-31-2015	\$11,223.22

Peggy Dowell <u>moved</u> that the Treasurer's report be approved and filed for audit. Megan Willis <u>seconded</u> the motion. Motion Carried.

Patrice Lefevre then presented the proposed budget which had been **recommended by the Board of Directors** for approval. After discussion, the budget was <u>approved by unanimous</u> <u>vote</u>. President Norris introduced Patrice Lefevre, the Nominating Committee Chair who announced the following slate of officers recommended by the Board of Directors:

President:	Steve Norris
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Sue Berliner
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Open
Treasurer	Patrice Lefevre
Secretary	Peggy Dowell
Corresponding Secret	ary Janene Ferguson
Historian	Megan Willis

There being no further nominations from the floor for any of the offices, the membership **voted to elect the nominees unanimously** to serve as the 2015-2016 officers.

President Norris introduced past president Richard Whitehorse who served as Installing Officer and administered the oath to the recently elected officers.

After the installation of officers, lunched was served.

Following lunch, President Norris thanked those who attended and Sue Berliner for planning the event. He also encouraged all to enjoy the wonderful artwork which had been brought for the *"Carry in-Carry Out Art Exhibit"* \* by many who attended the meeting.

Several announcements were made regarding arts related events occurring during the next month and Commissioner Korman announced that Excellence in Arts Awards application were available on the City of Torrance/Cultural Arts Commission website.

Winning tickets for the opportunity drawing were drawn and prized distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Peggy Dowell Secretary

\* Amendment