

**Arts Council of Torrance
Regular Board of Directors
February 8, 2024 @ Hof's Hut**

The meeting of the Arts Council of Torrance Board of Directors was called to order by President Steve Norris at 6:40 at Hof's Hut Restaurant in Torrance. A quorum to conduct business was established. Attending the meeting were Anil Muhammed, Steve Norris, Susan Norris and Kathryn Endo-Roberts. Peggy Dowell, Jeannine Madden and Megan Willis were excused.

The minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting were distributed. **Anil moved** to approve the minutes as presented/corrected. **Kathryn seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

Financial Report: Anil Muhammed

Treasurer's Report

Balances as of January 31, 2024

Ending Balance TCCU Checking:	\$ 6,514.40
Ending Balance TCCU Savings:	\$ 5,857.46
Ending Balance Sally Stowe Fund:	\$ <u>564.97</u>
Total Cash on Hand:	\$12, 936.83

No Bills to Pay or Ratify.

Susan moved to file the Treasurer's report as presented. **Kathryn seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

Chair Reports

Membership: Kathryn will connect with Jeannine Madden on membership issues. She also hopes to target local companies for corporate donations as "Business Members," as well as continue to go after grant money.

Per whether to continue the use of "Constant Contact" to connect with our members, discussion had continued after the last meeting via email, and it was decided to let Jeannine Madden cancel it before the end of 2023 when the subscription would have been renewed.

Programs:

Women's History Month: A program of "Women in Literature" will be performed at the Torrance Woman's Club on March 6th, 2024.

Kathryn has continued reaching out to different groups to come up with a program for Asian History Month in May, preferably a cultural event celebrating the Lunar New Year and Year of the Dragon to be held in Torrance, possibly with CitiCable coverage.

For future meetings or events, Steve proposed trying to entice a museum curator to speak, whether a local museum or a larger one in the general Los Angeles area.

Poetry: Susan will contact Karen Basiulis about the status of this year's Poetry competition.

Act Awards: It was decided to scale back this year's awards down to two (2) awards of \$250 each. The \$500 Sally Stowe Award will be reserved for 2025. Anil will talk with TUSD Supt. Tim Stowe about possibly having the school district choose the winners and that they be given their awards at their respective school's end-of-year award/scholarship ceremonies in lieu of an ACT event.

Announcements: No announcements.

There being no further business or announcements, the President called for adjournment at 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2024 @ 5:45 pm at Hof's Hut

Susan Norris
Secretary