

**Arts Council of Torrance**  
**Regular Board of Directors Meeting**  
**August 26, 2021 @ 5:00 pm**  
**1765 Oak Street Conference Room**

The meeting of the Arts Council of Torrance Board of Directors was called to order by President Steve Norris at 5:31 pm in the Plasma Technology Conference Room, 1765 Oak Street in Torrance, CA. A quorum to conduct business was established. Attending the meeting were Kathryn Endo Roberts, Anil Muhammed, Steve Norris, Susan Norris and Megan Willis. Peggy Dowell was excused.

The minutes of the July 15, 2021 meeting were distributed. Megan **moved** to approve the minutes as presented. Anil **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

**Financial report:** Anil Muhammed

**Treasurer's Report**

**Balances as of July 31, 2021**

Ending Balance TCCU Checking:	\$11,702.30
Ending Balance TCCU Savings:	\$ 5,551.42
Ending Balance Sally Stowe Fund:	<u>\$ 564.41</u>
Total Cash on Hand:	\$17,818.13

There were no bills to pay or ratify.

Susan **moved** to file the report for audit as presented. Megan **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

**2021/2022 Budget:** Anil will email the proposed budget, and the budget discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

**Chair Reports**

Kathryn has reached out to the Pacific Islander community to see if we can get a program together for next May's Asian and Pacific Islander Month.

Steve reported the following planned history presentations, either via Zoom or in person:

Black History Month (February 2022): Phillis Wheatley and a tribute to John Lewis

Women's History Month: "Women in Fashion" at the Torrance Woman's Club on March 2, 2022 and for Las Vecinas on April 7, 2022

Women's History Month (March 2023): "Women in Aviation" – possibly a fundraiser at the Torrance Airport

Flag Day (June 2023): "The Star Spangled Banner"

Discussion on a possible "Food Fest" event has been tabled until it is safer due to Covid and to make sure we can afford it.

Arts Awards: Anil will head it up and reach out to Tim Stowe of TUSD.

A Poetry competition or event for next April is still be considered but separately from the Arts Awards Poetry/Literature category.

2nd VP Membership: No report

Due to precautions for Covid and a need to get in touch with members to update our records, it was decided the next General Membership meeting will be pushed to February and most likely held on Zoom. Future meeting locations besides/as well as The Depot will be considered, particularly with as central a location as possible for the majority of our members. The Sizzler on Hawthorne Boulevard and Hof's Hut on Crenshaw are two possibilities.

To check in with past members, it was decided to send out a letter to update their contact info and preference of a phone call, email or letter, ask what sorts of programs they would like to see, and ask if they have access and are willing to Zoom meetings and see virtual programs we may offer. We can include the link to our website with our latest video presentations, as well as election info along with a list of the programs we already have planned.

There being no further business or announcements, the President called for adjournment at 6:13 pm.

Next Meeting: September 30, 2021 @ 5:00 pm

Susan Norris  
Secretary