

Minutes
Arts Council of Torrance
General Membership -- Annual Meeting
January 25, 2020
The Sizzler – Torrance

President Steve Norris called the General Membership Annual Meeting to order at 11:41 am at The Sizzler in Torrance. Mike Griffiths led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary Miller lead everyone in singing "God Bless America."

Steve extended a welcome to all in attendance and a special thank you to Assemblyman George Nakano, Councilman Mike Griffiths, Commissioners Lynda Kraemer, Georgia Perkins, Kathryn Endo-Roberts and Anil Muhammed.

Copies of the October 5, 2019 GMM, which had been approved by an appointed committee, were distributed. Steve appointed Anil Muhammed, Peggy Dowell and Kathryn Endo-Roberts to read and approve today's minutes prior to the next GMM.

Treasurer Anil Muhammed provided copies of the Financial Report of September 30, 2019.

Treasurer's Report

Balances as of December 31, 2019

Ending Balance TCCU Checking:	\$11,916.94
Ending Balance TCCU Savings:	\$ 5,540.87
Ending Balance Sally Stowe Fund:	<u>\$ 563.35</u>
Total Cash on Hand:	\$18,021.16

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

Kathryn Endo-Roberts informed the group of the problems encountered applying for Los Angeles County arts grant.

Steve Norris reported on our upcoming events:

- February 29 @ 4:00 pm at the Rec Center: Black History Event: *Lewis Latimer*
- March 12 @ 7:00 pm in the Library: Women in History: *Madame Curie and Her Daughters*

Karen Basilius reported on the upcoming 4th Annual Poetry Competition on April 30 @ 6:00 pm in the library, and that applications would be going out soon for ages middle school thru adult. Students must attend a school in Torrance, but adults do not have to be Torrance residents.

Following lunch, Kathryn introduced speakers Academy Award winning filmmaker Tim Toyama and his wife Naomi Yoshida. The audience was entertained with Tim's film, *Independence Day*, and Tim and Naomi both spoke on the making of the film, including Laura's integral role as the Costume Designer.

Announcements:

Peggy informed the group that Mercury Theater is getting a 501c, and that The Torrance Performing Arts Commission (TPAC) is sponsoring Ted Lange's play *Blues in My Coffee* on February 22 @ 7:30 pm in the Ken Miller Assembly Room.


There being no further business, Steve adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Susan Norris
Secretary

Approved on February 26, 2020 by:


Anil Muhammed


Peggy Dowell


Kathryn Endo-Roberts