

**Minutes
Arts Council of Torrance
General Membership
Annual Meeting
October 5, 2019
The Sizzler – Torrance**

President Steve Norris called the General Membership Annual Meeting to order at 11:38 am at The Sizzler in Torrance. Kathryn Endo-Roberts led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary Miller lead everyone in singing “America the Beautiful”.

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

Copies of the June 1, 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 September 30, 2019

Ending Balance TCCU Checking:	\$11,664.87
Ending Balance TCCU Savings:	\$ 5,538.08
Ending Balance Sally Stowe Fund:	<u>\$ 563.07</u>
Total Cash on Hand:	\$17,766.02

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

Kathryn Endo-Roberts and Steve Norris reported on the success of the August 17th Jai Ho Festival. Steve announced a grant was awarded to ACT by LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn to continue the diversity of programs we are doing, such as these upcoming events:

- February 1, 2020: Black History Event: *Thomas Edison and His Black Inventor*
- March 4, 2020: Women’s History (Torrance Woman’s Club): *Women in Music: Amy Beach*
- March 12, 2020: Women in History: *Madame Curie and Her Daughters*

April 30, 2020: 4th Annual Poetry Competition
May 8 or 9, 2020: Vietnamese Stories for Children

Kathryn and Steve will continue to apply for other grants, and a fundraiser with today's entertainer, Alope Dasgupta, is in the works for 2020. Steve thanked all who had renewed their ACT memberships and encouraged everyone to invite others to join and attend our programs.

Following lunch, Kathryn introduced world-renowned scitar player (and Torrance resident!) Alope Dasgupta, his wife Sanjukta, and his tabla player Hama. The audience was entertained with a beautiful selection of Indian music, which was followed by an Opportunity Drawing.

Announcements:

Congratulations were extended to ACT members Pam and Jim Hill for being selected the 2019 Citizens of the Year by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

The Torrance Arts Commission's Excellence in Arts Awards will be held October 19th in the Toyota Meeting Hall. All are invited to attend.

The Torrance Performing Arts Commission (TPAC) is sponsoring two upcoming shows: Ted Lange's play: *Four Queens – No Trump* on November 2 & 3 @ the Ken Miller Assembly Room; and jazz musician Steve Tyrell on January 19, 2020 @ The Armstrong. As a fundraising opportunity, for every ticket bought through the Arts Council for these events, TPAC will give ACT \$10.


The group joined in a round of "Happy Birthday" to long-time member and past president Mary Miller who will turn 94 later this week.

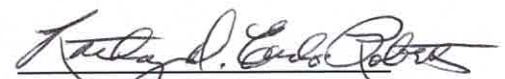
There being no further business, Steve adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Susan Norris, Secretary

Approved on October 24, 2019 by:


Anil Muhammed


Peggy Dowell


Kathryn Endo-Roberts