

**Arts Council of Torrance
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 22, 2018, 7:00 PM
Plasma Technology Conference Room, 1765 Oak St., Torrance**

Minutes

The meeting of the Arts Council of Torrance Board of Directors was called to order by President Megan Willis at 7:15 pm in the Plasma Technology Conference Room, 1765 Oak Street in Torrance, CA.

A quorum to conduct business was established. Attending the meeting were: Megan Willis, Steve Norris, Susan Norris, Kathryn Endo-Roberts and Peggy Dowell.

Excused: Owen Griffith and Jeannine Madden.

The minutes of the January 25, 2018 meeting were distributed. Peggy Dowell **moved** to approve the minutes as presented. Megan Willis **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

Financial Report: Peggy Dowell

Treasurer's Report

Balances as of February 21, 2018

Ending Balance TCCU Checking:	\$ 3,809.73
Ending Balance TCCU Savings:	\$ 9022.04
Ending Balance Sally Stowe Fund:	\$ 1061.81
Petty Cash	\$ <u>50.00</u>
Total Cash on Hand:	\$13,943.58

Megan Willis **moved** to file the report as presented. Steve Norris **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

Bills to be paid:

\$34.00 Kathryn Endo-Roberts (postage)

Peggy **moved** to pay the bills as presented. Steve **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

Megan presented a list of names for the Proposed Advisory Board consisting of: Mayor Patrick Furey, Councilwoman Heidi Ashcraft, Chef Michael Shafer (The Depot), Maestro Allan Petker (Los Cancioneros Master Chorale), Shonda Rhimes (TV Producer), Morton Lauridsen (Composer), Ted Lange (Playwright), Congressman Ted Lieu, Dr. George Mannon (TUSD), Frank Fetta (Conductor) and Gene Barnett.

Peggy **moved** to approve the proposed Advisory Board as presented. Kathryn **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

A proposed Nominating Committee was presented for the upcoming ACT 2018 June election of officers, consisting of 3 Board Members and 2 general ACT members: Kathryn Endo-Roberts, Jim Hill, Pam Hill, Steve Norris and Susan Norris.

Peggy **moved** to approve the proposed Nominating Committee. Megan **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

The Nominating Committee will be presented at the General Membership Meeting on March 3rd, 2018.

Dan Watt of Art Attack requested funding to give tickets to local students to come to Art Attack productions.

Chair Reports

First VP Programs: Steve Norris

Black History Event “Lady Patriot”. The show was well-received by approximately 70 in attendance. Next year Ted would like to do “The Osborne Papers” about John Brown. “Let Freedom Ring” would also be welcome to be redone. Would need extra funding, however, to pay the extended cast of approximately 13.

General Membership Meeting: Saturday, March 3rd @11:30 am (Sizzler). Kathryn invited Dr. Anderson, owner of a local art gallery, to attend this meeting. Dr. Anderson mentioned to Kathryn that she should approach the Chen Art Museum to be a member of ACT.

Women’s History Event: Tuesday, March 20th @ 7:00 pm (Library). The program will focus on Women in Science, and in particular Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman doctor in the United States.

Torrance City Council Candidates Forum w/emphasis on the Arts: Saturday, March 24th @ TBD (Recreation Center). The date has changed to April 16th. For a \$75.00 processing fee, the date can be cancelled and the balance of the deposit used within the Cultural Arts Center.

Poetry Event: Thursday, April 19th @ 7:00 pm (Library). Megan will contact TUSD to advertise the event and get possible participants. Kathryn will contact the Youth Council.

Asian History: May TBD @ 7:00 pm (Library). Decided to move the event to the Cultural Arts Center Garden Room. Discussed Janice Tanaka's film "Rebel With A Cause" as a good choice for an Asian History event, however she still doesn't have a dollar amount for the rights to show the film. Kathryn is also continuing to get in contact with Janice Hahn to perhaps give money to our programming. Steve will find dates for the Garden Room Asian Event for the 2nd or 3rd week of May to show Tim's Toyama's film "Day of Independence" and work with Kathryn to select a final date.

Student Arts Awards: Date change: Saturday, June 9th @ TBD (The Depot) from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The lunch will be a 3-course "Family Style" meal consisting of salad, entrée and dessert (with a vegetarian option) for a \$30 ticket. It was decided to not hold a raffle but perhaps have a silent auction for several gift baskets. Need ideas for silent auction basket items. The Depot room holds approximately 8 tables of 8 people each. The ACT Annual Election will also be held at this meeting.

Flag Day: Thursday, June 14th @ 7:00 pm Library). Everett Emerson will deliver a similar speech to the last Flag Day Event but also include military flags.

Shamh Mentoro of Torrance CitiCable is our contact person whenever we want an event filmed. Steve will ask her to cover the June 9th General Membership Meeting and Student Arts Awards luncheon.

Second VP Membership: Kathryn Endo-Roberts. Kathryn talked to Councilman Anil Muhammed who has agreed to be a part of the ACT Board.

Corresponding Secretary: No report given.

City Liaison: No report given.

Historian: No report given.

Torrance Cultural Arts Commission: Megan Willis -- No report given.

NEW BUSINESS

The recent ACT donation to the South Bay Conservatory for \$500 was used for scholarships for two students. Peggy is underwriting a 3rd student. All had serious financial concerns.

There being no further business, the President called for adjournment at 9:04 pm.

Next meeting: March 22nd, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Susan Norris
Secretary