

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo
Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Abby Diamond, Scott Froshauer, Dawn Jenkins, Michelle Ramage, Bill Skiles, Corey Stein

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

McGroarty Arts Center

7570 McGroarty Ter., Tujunga 91042

MINUTES (Approved)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, Abby Diamond, Dawn Jenkins, Scott Froshauer, Michelle Ramage, Debby Beck **Guests:** Kresse Armour, Sandy Capps

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Introductions; Approval of Minutes/ Joe DeCenzo** With the arrival of a quorum, the meeting was convened at 7:50 pm. Following the introduction of our guests, the minutes of December 22, 2019 were read. Abby Diamond moved to approved the minutes as written. Scott Froshauer seconded. Motion passed 5-0-1.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** for non agenda items: Michelle Ramage announced Rotary will host a "Chili Cook-Off" on March 21st. This is a fundraiser to help promote the 4th of July Parade. "It is our first event without Wendell and we'll be missing our spice :(The Community Fund has committed to producing the Fireworks Spectacular in 2020. They will ignite the sky above Verdugo Hills High School once again. She also invited anyone interested to come out to help weed the Welcome Garden. The challenge is to see who can keep up with Roger Klemm's energy on Saturday, Feb. 1st from 9-11 am. Sandy Capps attended to impart information and recommendations to build support from STNC for future events.
- 3. DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Induction of Kresse Armour as committee member: Kresse and the committee discussed their mutual interest in having her become a member of STARC. Joe stated, "As the committee chair, all I ask of our candidates is for them to participate in the agenda discussions and to commit to attending the monthly meetings whenever possible. Kresse agreed and stated, " As a photographer and journalist, I am a word person. I admire artists for their ability. This committee resonates with me." Abby moved to accept Kresse as a committee member. Scott seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.
- 4. UPDATE:** McGroarty Arts Center: **Dawn Jenkins:** Classes are in progress for the winter session. Classes that did not reach the minimum sign-up requirement were cancelled. As of this date, MAC has not yet heard from Department of Cultural Affairs with regard to the re-signing of lease agreement. MAC is currently accepting submissions for this year's juried ceramics show. This year's theme is "Botanical Abundance.
- 5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:** DCA request for Festival Producers: Department of Cultural Affairs is accepting applications to pre-approve potential event producers. Michelle volunteered to forward information to Mercedes del Castro who has expressed interest in producing a festival in the vacant Home Depot parking lot on Foothill Blvd.
- 6. UPDATE:** Information from Sunland Senior Center, Joe DeCenzo: Information was sent to Joe DeCenzo by Senior Center Director Adria Deliberto which was distributed to those in attendance. It discussed a variety of programs, classes, counseling and lunch options at the center.
- 7. DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Hanukkah In The Foothills 2019 summary: **Lucy Berman, Committee** Sandy Capps attended and thought it was a wonderful event. She informed the committee that next year we will need to file an event form to satisfy city requirements. For the purpose of the paperwork only, we will likely have to call it "Holiday In the Foothills." Rotary felt it was a very good event and better attended than had been expected. The audio levels and sound mix were not good. Better attention should be given to that aspect at the next event. Final report is still pending. The date for the 5th annual HITF is set for December 13th, 2020.

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