

Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo

Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Joanna Gates, Dawn Jenkins, K.T. Travers*, Michelle Wadler*

*Denotes STNC board member Quorum = 5

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Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting (STARC)

Tuesday, November 22, 2022 @ 7:30 PM Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

MINUTES (Draft)

In Attendance: Joe DeCenzo, K T Travers, Debby Beck, Dawn Jenkins, Lucy Berman GUESTS: Marlene Hitt, Cindy Cleghorn

1. **Call To Order; Introductions, Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2022:** Joe DeCenzo read the minutes of the prior month's meeting into the record. K T Travers moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Lucy Berman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
2. **Review mission statement; Code of Conduct; Quorum requirements:** Joe DeCenzo reviewed the mission statement as quoted on the STNC website. He explained the updated quorum requirements. It is now 5. With the recent resignation of members Corey Stein and Karen von Gunten, STARC membership now stands at 8. Quorum is 50% of membership plus 1.
3. **Public Comments/Updates for Non-Agenda Items:** K T Travers spoke on behalf of Apperson Elementary school. They had a productive of adding greenery to the school grounds on November 19th. They will reconvene on December 3rd. Joe DeCenzo announced councilwoman Rodriguez's holiday event schedule. Her tree lighting ceremony will be held on December 9th at 6:00 pm in Sunland Park.
4. **Guest Speaker Presentation: POETS of Sunland/Tujunga "Holiday Hopes and Insights,"** from members of the literary community – K.T. Travers, Joe DeCenzo, Marlene Hitt. Marlene discussed some of the history of published writers and poets relevant to our area. Dating back as far as 1916, writer Slim Vaughn was known as the "Southwest Tumbleweed." Also, the John Steven McGroarty chapter of the California Federation of Chaparral Poets was well known in the area. Marlene read an original poem titled "Birth" and "A Prayer of Thanks." Joe DeCenzo read poems titled "Lasagna" and "Odysseus in an R.V.." K T Travers read poems titled "Bye, Bye Lule Lulay" and "Colloquium."
5. **Update: McGroarty Arts Center:** Dawn Jenkins spoke on behalf of Joanna Gates regarding the arts center. The upcoming Holiday Arts and Crafts Faire is scheduled for December 3rd and 4th. Due to a number of restrictions they are still operating under, they will not be selling chili this year. The bowls will still be for sale, however. Winter session begins January 9th.
6. Proposition 28: "What it means for our children." Joe discussed the verbiage of the proposition. He explained that the specific use of funds will be left to the discretion of the school principals. He hopes that those who know or have children in public schools continue to monitor the development of music and art programs.
7. ZOOM Tutorial: Getting the most from this platform: Dawn Jenkins first recommended to always check that your Zoom program is up to date as it changes frequently. She led the committee through the tabs and explained how to fine tune your presence on the platform.
8. **Discussion: Future Guest Speaker Bookings:** Possible speakers include Marsh Drucker. Dawn will check with Benita Bike Dance Arts
9. **Community project updates:** The committee discussed the "Phoenix Rising" mosaic. K T offered to check with district 7 to see if they are interested in bringing it to NVCH.
10. **Discussion/Review** Past and Future events, Committee
11. **Adjourn : 9:36 pm**

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