

Special Joint Board, Budget & Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

February 26, 2025, 6:45 PM

Virtual meeting on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86086519810>

1. Call to Order, Lydia Grant, 7:38 pm (following the STNC CIGA meeting)
 - a. Roll Call: Present – Lydia Grant, Ross Herman, Carol Hutchinson, Cindy Cleghorn, Karen Moran. Absent - Armen Mardirousi
 - Stakeholders present: Susan Denning, Mark Siegal, Marla Keeth member of the public.
2. General Public Comments on any non-agenda items
 - a. Susan reported that Ricardo Flores responded to her text regarding Patrick, the local itinerant homeless person in the community. Patrick is on the frequent (2x/week) City clean up list, the only action that can be taken against him at this time.
3. Discussion/Action: Approve the January 29, 2025 Special Joint Board and Executive Meeting minutes. Lydia made the motion, Ross seconded and the vote passed to approve the minutes
4. Discussion/Action Outreach
 - a. Discussion / Action regarding Historic Home Tour Outreach Sponsorship to include STNC on Historic Home Tour advertising and day of event May 10, 2025.
 - Cindy commented that the STNC should plan to sponsor the Bolton Hall event for \$1,000. Carol said that the only spare money we have at this time is about \$1500, but there is \$4K in allocated for banners and that we could put in general funds for Outreach to be able to sponsor the event. Lydia agreed that we could move this money into the regular Outreach budget. Cindy noted that we need to get STNC exposure but we should find out what that entails for the sponsorship. Lydia said that Bolton Hall provided STNC a letter-request but it didn't get to us on time. Lydia will ask Bolton Hall for an Outreach invoice and we can put it on the agenda for the next budget committee meeting. It also needs to go on the Outreach agenda. Cindy said that the model for the invoice should be the invoice from McGroarty for the event that STNC sponsors for them. Carol will send invoice to Ross and he can share it with Bolton Hall.

b. Discussion / Action regarding STNC Board Selection

- Elections will follow the Chatsworth plan. Fliers and banners were discussed. Cindy said printing will be done at Sunland Printing and candidate filing start Saturday through last day of March. Outreach events can promote the elections and candidate running. Banners will be in 3 languages – English, Armenian and Spanish – and put up in strategic areas throughout the community. Carol said we have a \$500 approved for fliers and we will need to have 2 sets of banners (one for voting and one for candidates) and we will need a BAC for it. Lydia gave a history of what was ordered during the previous election. Everything has been turned into DONE per Cindy, and the next task is to finalize the location which should be at the ELKS Lodge. Lydia said this is baselined now, the expense and response for the NVCH was made this a non-candidate.

5. Discussion/Action: Approve March 12, 2025 General Board Meeting Agenda on Zoom

- a. Lydia noted that since we went over potential agenda items during the CIGA meeting that preceded this meeting, we have largely established what will be on the agenda. Cindy will send a draft of the agenda to Lydia for review before posting. Lydia will get the name of the person who will speak from Public Works department to add to agenda; this person will address concerns about local dumping from the Eaton fires that have been on-going.
- b. Lydia suggested we send a letter to the new assemblymember, Nick Schultz, on his election and invite him to our next General Board meeting. Ross will draft the letter for review.
- c. Lydia said that Verdugo Hills High School has recently won the academic decathlon (called the Superintendent's Trophy). Ross will include it in the next newsletter. Lydia suggested we highlight it at the next General Board meeting, have certificates made for them and invite students to attend. Ross and Lydia will work together to reach out to the coach at Verdugo High to coordinate this.
- d. Ross commented that the EmpowerLA will host a (zoom) meeting, "Know Your Rights". This session is Thursday, February 27th, from 6-7pm and features information in regards to immigration (e.g. "a focus on identifying valid warrants and the protections"). An email was sent out previously about this meeting by Jose Galdamez (February 24th). An RSVP is needed. Ross will attend and present a synopsis.

6. Adjourn. 8:01pm