

SBRWF – Board Meeting

(1st meeting of the year)

26, January 2023 / 9:30 AM start / Nativity Catholic Church Conference Room

Note: A quorum was present.

Attendees

Mahlone Becker - President

Kathy Kent - Secretary

Dolores Sales - Treasurer's Report

Teri Swigart - Financial Secretary

Mary Ann Williams - Financial Secretary

Dena Bricker - Programs

Lou Ann Flaherty - Parliamentarian

Maja Radmilovich - Ways and Means

Elizabeth Shafer - Membership

Julius Wilson - Legislation

Annette Doyle - Photographer

Leslie O'Connor - Press and Events

Kathrun Endo-Roberts

Gloria Falardeau

Carole Kennoy

Andrea Laraneta

Monica DeBaca

Helen Lilmburg

Georgett Afsa

Courtney Rice - invited guest

Board Member Meeting Refreshments

Special thank you to Maja Radmilovich and Dolores Sales for January meeting refreshments.

February board meeting refreshments - Bebe Scott and Lou Ann Flaherty

Agenda

Last Meeting / Last Year Review / Follow-up

Opening Prayer and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag - Elizabeth Shafer

New Business

1. Goals for 2023
2. CFRW Situation
3. Club Hours Chair needed
4. Clubs 85th Birthday and Scholarship Planning Committee (Historical records Rosaline
5. Resident Groups
6. Constitution class with Doug Gibbs
7. QR Code on tables for luncheon meeting agenda
8. Need Military standing Committee Chair
9. New Member Welcome Packet
10. Writers for monthly Newsletter Editorial Page
11. Goal for spending the money in the club account

Notes

- **Last Year Review** - Mahlone Becker (M.B.) We did well as a group meeting our goals last year, very pleased. We can continue handgun train this year.
- **Goals for 2023** - M.B. - Creating Resident Groups for each SouthBay City in order to populate government and city positions with conservatives.
- **CFRW Situation** - M.B. Discussed our plan going forward. The situation with CFRW does not effect us in that our goals and vision for our club will proceed as planned. As for the financial aspect of the per capital reports the club is still in good standing and we discussed either a separate bank account or line item to deposit all membership moneys.
- **Club Hours Chair needed** - (not addressed by the board as of yet but the club is in need to manage this program)
- **Committee Chair Reports-**
Kathy Kent (K.K.) - Minutes are located on the website for everyone to access, I will send; per the bylaws, minutes directly to certain board members.

Dolores Sales (D.S.) - Handed off the financial paperwork to Salanna Taragan two weeks ago. I should receive everything back by the next meeting where I will need to present a financial report and it will be posted on the website.

(A financial report will be shared with members at the February General Membership meeting and subsequently posted to the website)

Revenue 2022 - Net Fashion Show \$5972 (30%), Net Membership \$3556 (19%), Scholarships \$1633 (9%) and Donations \$7982 (42%) People have been quite generous with donations to the club.

Expense 2022 - Scholarship Young America Foundation and Guest Lunches \$2264 (21%), General and Administrative Expenses \$1730 (16%), Speakers and Guest Lunches \$3268 (29%) and Newsletter, Member Book, Postage \$3743 (34%)

(For further financial detail consult the website under the appropriate month's treasury report.)

Newsletter costs are high printing and stamps try to find ways to cut costs.

We added an additional scholarship last year; Young American Foundation

Mary Anne Williams (MA. W.) and Teri Swigart (T.S.) - MA.W - We have two jobs: collecting luncheon payments and donation baskets at the luncheon and membership dues. We need the members to please submit their payments on time can't stress this enough, they are due the Monday before the Thursday luncheon. Dorcas is gone!! :) Replaced with Althia who we hear is very sweet.

T.S. - Please, we need to get the luncheon payments via check in on time, if a member or a guest is running late on sending the payment please hand deliver the check to me, Mary Ann, Elizabeth or Mahlone, contact any of us. Again payment is due Monday week of luncheon, you can pay online via check, credit card and paypal. If you can't get the site to work, call me (T.S.) and I will walk you through it. Also anyone can access it now, you do not need to be a member.

Dena Bricker (D.B.) - February speaker is Mark Semas a Navel Seal, March speaker is Julia Parmeter she will talk about Trump and the country's direction, April speaker is Doug Gibbs "Mr. Constitution", May speaker is Denice Pental; she will speak on the senate race and who is running against Feinstein.

(Side note - D.B. suggested a gift card tree for raffle drawing.)

LouAnn Flaherty (L.F.) - In touch with Gretchen and Janet we will proceed as normal for now. I have started sending the Capital updates out as you may have noticed.

**** Special Note**** - Please send prayers LoaAnn's way that the Lord may guide her and bring health and protection.

Maja Radmilovich (M.R.) - We raised over \$200 from our last vendors at the January Luncheon. February vendor is JD, a new member they will be selling coffees, syrups, jellies

and jams. March vender will be selling original and uniquely designed jewelry that should be reasonably priced.

Elizabeth Shafer (E.S.) and Michelle Rand (M.R.) - M.R. - via phone call has questions regarding out of state members. M. B. will touch base with her regarding these new rules.

E.S. - our last membership count in November we did extremely well at 214 members ... Today's count of members is 118. This means a lot of members have not yet renewed if we do not receive their renewal payment by the end of March their names will not be able to be added to the book.

We have been talking about having a comedy show fundraiser but this is not working out because the cost of food is too much. There will not be a fashion show this year because we are trying to move it to Spring and there is not enough time to organize one this Spring. We are looking to have the fashion show on the last Saturday in April 2024. This means **there will not be a fundraiser this year 2023**. We will need people to continue to donate to our club please pass the word to friends and family.

L.O. suggested a movie night also she has a connection to the Comedy Club will see what she can work out. Other suggestions by members in the room were the Elk Lodge either in Torrance or San Pedro... details to be discussed.

Julius Wilson (J.W.) - I was able to switch from 67th to 66th was given an agenda and assignments 4 pages worth. Got into the LAGOP Central Committee meeting and learned how and why our republican candidates are not receiving money. The 'good guys' got in and are now in control but a severe debt from a year ago was left for them to pay off. There will be a training course explaining how to deal with this horrible financial mess.

Bebe Scott (B.S.) - We are doing well. We have already met our goal of 3 scholarship funds. Suggested a Beach volleyball event with republican youth possibly for Republican clubs in the local high schools, members could officiate the volleyball matches and purchase costco sandwiches. M.B. suggested reaching out to the president of the young republican club at Mira Costa.

Leslie O'Connor (L.O.) - Involved with the Precinct Strategy Group. This group offers neighborhood leaders and walking groups where we can help keep our community educated on what is going on with all levels of government, help pre register our conservative neighbors and help get them actively involved . Also looking to work with the Leadership Institute of California and discussing a possible special event for our group. We would need 30 people interested in attending... may not be a charge.

- **Clubs 85th Birthday and Scholarship Planning Committee (Historical records Rosaline)** - M.B. -Really would like to put together a committee maybe include Bebe, Rosaline?, Elizabeth and Leslie. Will revisit.
- **Resident Groups** - M.B. - We have volunteers for some of our South Bay cities willing to lead their community in "resident groups". These resident groups will create a way to place conservative republicans into local city positions in the hopes to slowly spread into local government positions. These leads can create signal groups, text chats to keep

conversations going, post job openings, city and school board meetings etc. Could possibly ... farther down the road ... see a unity in all our cities and maybe create a publication and grow.

- **Constitution class with Doug Gibbs** - M.B. - Can setup a class but need a minimum of 20 people. Cost could be \$10 - \$20 per person.
- **QR Code on Tables for Luncheon Agenda** - M.B. - Replace our paper agenda on the tables at our monthly luncheons with a QR Code where each member can scan and review.
- **Need Military Standing Committee Chair Filled** - M.B. - Monica DeBaco has stepped up to take Ginny's place. 2 to 3 times a year we make military donations, it can be anything you make it to be. (M.B. has all of Ginny's notes and stuff to pass along to Monica.) 3/9/23 will be the first collection. Maybe Monica can add a little tidbit to the Newsletter on who the donation will be for and the history regarding the need for the donation. At the next board meeting Monica can bring ideas to who the donations can be for.

Question posed - how do we give the donations to the chosen organization? M.B. If local hand deliver the funds. MA.W. - Monica you do not need to go to the Financial Secretaries with the collections they can be given directly to the organization.

- **New Member Welcome Packet** - M.B. - I became an associate member with the Westchester Republican Club and received a welcome packet that I would love to incorporate into our new membership process. It contained a welcome letter, a trifold pamphlet etc.
- **Writers for Editorial page in Newsletter** - M.B. - I think it would be a nice touch to add little blurbs to our newsletter and find some writers to discuss fun little tidbits about upcoming events, speakers, holidays etc.
- **Goals for spending funds in Club Account** - M.B. We will revisit this at the next board meeting and create a paired down list that we may want to donate too in conjunction with having people speak and passing the basket and supplement with the donations of the club.

Action Items

1. M.B. Will reach out to Leads for the Resident Groups and put a meeting together for them to discuss goals and process on how to move forward.
2. M.B. will look into arranging with Doug Gibbs a constitution class for the club members, a minimum of 20 people needed at \$10-\$20 per person.
3. M.B. will talk with techies about QR Code for the luncheon agenda instead of paper.
4. M.B. will discuss with the Secretary or Membership chair about putting together Welcome Packets for our new members ... secretary to do this?
5. M.B. will discuss having board members such as Military Chair, Scholarship Chair, Ways and Means Chair write little blurbs to send in and be added to the newsletter.

6. M.B. will narrow down the list of suggested organizations that the club can donate too. (Wounded Warriors, Leadership Institute, Hillsdale College, Judicial Watch, High School Republican clubs, Young Entrepreneurs, groups fighting “wokeness” and Election Integrity.)
7. L.O. will look into The Comedy Club and into utilizing the Elk Lodge for a fundraiser.
8. B.S. will reach out to the President of Mira Costa’s republican Club.
9. Andrea Laraneta (A.L.) will discuss with D.B. potential speakers from NLTE.
10. M.D. will look into ideas for military fundraisers and important events that members can volunteer for.

Next Meeting and Agenda

23, February 2023 / 9:30 AM start / Nativity Catholic Church Conference Room

Agenda to be put together by Club President Mahlone Becker.

Club Hours

Total Club hours for meeting $3\frac{3}{4}$ hours ; 20 members x $3\frac{3}{4}$ hours = 75 hrs.

Mahlone Becker (8am - 12:45) - $4\frac{3}{4}$ hours

Grand total Board Meeting hours for January 26, 2023 is $79\frac{3}{4}$.