

TORRANCE WOMAN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2015

President Fran Day called the January General Business Meeting of the Torrance Woman's Club to order at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. Inspiration was given by **June Baker** followed by the Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Barbara Freeman**.

Fran Glauber read her own composition – A Tribute to Members Lost In 2014 which honored **Natalie Dimercurio; Sandra Burchell; Judy Ciampa, Mary Wilkinson and Darlene Payne**.

Table guests were introduced. Members Health summary was given by **Char Kyes**. **Velta Lanham** has broken a hip; **Jo Snell** has fallen and suffered several broken bones and **Darlene Payne** passed away on December 27th. **Char** thanked **Marianne** for her contribution of several cards. January birthdays were acknowledged.

Recording Secretary, Deanna Hanson read the recommendations made at the November 19, 2014 Board Meeting which had not been voted on by the membership. **Janet Payne** moved to ratify these recommendations. The recommendations from the December Board Meeting were read and passed by the membership.

Treasurer, Beth O'Gorman presented her report. The balance in the Club account is \$3,990.94 as of November 30, 2014 and the balance in the Clubhouse Account for the same time period was \$21,107.40.

1st Vice President Bette Herbst announced there is a Mini Leads Seminar presented by **Pam Ament** on Saturday, January 10th at the El Segundo Woman's Club. The January District Council Meeting will be held on January 16th at the Woman's Club of Redondo Beach. The program will be Bob Chiota and his therapy dog Bella. The Marina District Fundraiser – Beach Party – will be held at our Club on Saturday, January 24th at a cost of \$20 for a fun-filled afternoon. The Writing Contest entries are being collected today. The Young Musicians Chairman is **Irma Chiota** with entries due at the District on February 20th.

Bette thanked the members for their reports. She recommended that the TWC chairmen be responsible for reporting the hours, dollars and in kind donations they and their group(s) contribute to their projects for the calendar year 2015. After discussion it was agreed this recommendation would be tabled until the Board Meeting of January 28th.

2nd Vice President, Membership, Beverly Greeno introduced new member **Ruth Danna** and reminded everyone of their VIP status as a member of the Torrance Woman's Club. The members are what makes our Club so successful.

3rd Vice President, House Chairman, Roberta Smith had no report.

Corresponding Secretary, Fran Glauber read thank you notes from the Department of Veteran Affairs for all the cards sent (by **Mary Wilkinson**) and from the Braille Institute for the donation of used eyeglasses.

Parliamentarian, Barbara Freeman announced that Bob Chiota would be speaking at the upcoming Torrance City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 13th about the Bocce Court Project at Columbia Park (to which Torrance Woman's Club made a donation) and invited anyone interested to attend.

Ways & Means Chairman, Susan Warner thanked all the chairmen of all the various projects that were taken on last year. **Susan** reminded us that the February program will be the paper bag auction and you are encouraged to bring in new unwrapped items that will be put up for raffle.

GG profusely thanked all those who wrapped at Barnes & Noble during the holiday season. The wrappers made \$1,325.67 in tips. **GG** commended **Lois Jones** for being her "top wrapper".

Donna Webb announced there is a Restaurant Fundraiser at El Paso Cantina on January 13th where we will be given 20% of the proceeds for meals purchased but you must present a flyer.

Pam Ament as **Chairman of the Fashion Show** scheduled for March 21, 2015 encouraged everyone to purchase their "space" at the Fashion Show as soon as possible. History confirms that we always sell out and you don't want to miss this fundraiser. Tables will be set for 10; Drapers & Damon will put on the fashions.

Judy Burrow passed on thanks from the Torrance Civic Chorale for our help at their concert. She announced she has a sign-up sheet available for the Laughlin, NV trip scheduled for April 7th through the 9th.

Janet Payne as **Chairman of the Rummage Sale** reminded everyone to bring in their items to be sold on Friday, January 30th from 8 a.m. to noon and the actual sale will be on Saturday, January 31st from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fran Glauber announced the trip to the International Printing Museum was a great success. On January 29th there is a bus trip going to Harrah's Casino for the day. Cost is \$20. She is working on an overnight trip to Palm Springs for March 25 – 27 at a cost of \$240. Details will be forthcoming.

Attendance today is 78 members and 3 guests.

Reports:

President Fran Day commended **Lynn Robinson** and **Janet Payne** on their tremendous and successful efforts in organizing the Rose Parade Float which won the theme trophy.

Marilyn Keller thanked everyone for their support and donations to DCFS. The Helping Hands meeting will be on Wednesday, January 21st where the work will continue on quilts and huggy bears.

Lois Jones reminded us that Game Day is the afternoon of January 21st.

Fran Day is looking for volunteers for the water brigade on Super Bowl Sunday in Redondo Beach.

Mary Linn Coleman explained the Pennies for Pines reforestation project.

President Fran thanked the hostesses and decorating committees and recessed for a social break and lunch at 12:00

The meeting reconvened at 1 p.m. with a program called Opera Kadabra which was enjoyed by everyone. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. to February 3rd, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Deanna Hanson

Recording Secretary