

**TORRANCE WOMAN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

May 3, 2017

President Anita Dinicola called the May General Business Meeting of the Torrance Woman's Club to order at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 and gave the inspiration which was a poem she had written for her mother. **Barbara Bounds** led the Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Anita welcomed all in attendance and introduced the members at the head table and table guests. Anita had invited a special guest, Hope Witkowsky, who spoke about the room filled with amazing senior women and all the things that we do.

Members Health – Doris Brigham and **Lee Large** are facing health challenges. We were happy to see **Juanita McClaren** back in our midst.

Recording Secretary, Deanna Hanson read the recommendations made at the Executive Board Meeting of April 26, 2017 which were all voted on and passed by the general membership. The minutes from the April 5, 2017 General Business Meeting stand as posted

There were no new recommendations or motions at this meeting of May 3, 2017.

Treasurer Mary Linn Coleman presented the Treasurer's Report for March, 2017. The balance in the Club account as of March 31, 2017 less reserves is \$11,263.44. The balance in the Clubhouse account for the same time period is \$24,678.17. Donations thus far are \$10,339.00. The report will be placed on file.

1st Vice President, Barbara Freeman thanked all those who attended the Marina District Convention on April 22nd and announced that Torrance won first place awards in almost all categories. The May District Council Meeting will be held in our Clubhouse on May 26, 2017 and she solicited volunteers for a Chairman and Committee to take charge of the breakfast on that day.

President Anita announced that **Barbara Freeman** won Volunteer of the Year at the Convention and offered congratulations from the membership.

2nd Vice President, Membership, Sharon Saffer thanked all who have mailed in their dues. **Sharon** and **Claudeene** offered comments as first time attendees at the Convention stating there were good feelings all around plus it was entertaining and encouraging to hear what our sister clubs have accomplished. **Claudeene** acknowledged the May birthdays.

3rd Vice President Roberta Smith was absent. **Pam Sheerin** had nothing new to report.

Corresponding Secretary Susan Warner read thank you notes from the VA Hospital in Long Beach; The Painted Turtle Camp; Madrona Marsh and Rainbow Services.

Ways & Means Chairman, June Baker thanked everyone for their participation in our events as well as their contributions. The plant sale last month netted \$299. **Connie Vassie** extended kudos/thanks to everyone who was involved in the Fashion Show where we netted \$10,785. Recognition goes to **Annette Degner, Pam Sheerin, Emily Atkins** for the raffles; to **Beth O’Gorman** who arranged the CitiCable coverage; to **Claudeene** who was instrumental in the great press coverage by Meredith Grenier; to West Coast Catering for the food and to **Irma Chiota** for the décor. This was truly a team effort and success was evident in the results.

Lisa Marie Silver announced the last dine-out fundraiser for this year will be on May 16th from noon to 5 p.m. at Chipotle, 21300 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite A. TWC will receive 50% back as long as you present a flyer.

Beth O’Gorman announced that Game Day for May is Bingo. Prizes and attendance are needed.

Judy Burrow announced we will be going to Las Vegas on October 10 – 12 so be sure to sign up.

Reports – Helping Hands – Bette Herbst announced that 65 turtle pillows were completed last year as well as 400 shoe pairs in total for the month. The Huggy Bear project involves donating the bears to two local hospital emergency departments and the fire department. The Painted Turtle Camp was developed to facilitate ill children with particular problems who attend at the same time.

Deanna Hanson thanked everyone for their participation in the Food for Kids Drive and announced the items would be picked up by The Volunteer Center for their food bank following the meeting.

Newsletter Editor, Lynn Robinson reminded everyone the deadline is the 3rd Wednesday for submissions to be given to her.

Attendance today is 78 members and 2 guests.

Parliamentarian/Philanthropy – Madonna Davenport – no report.

Other Business/Announcements – Fran Day announced a crew would be assisting H.E.L.P. with their fundraiser on May 5th; the ballot counting at The Daily Breeze should be finished this week; the Aging Expo is scheduled for May 13th beginning at 9 a.m. and Saturday, May 20 is the Armed Forces Day Parade and encouraged our attendance to thank the military for keeping us safe.

Installation of officers will be the June meeting program.

The meeting was recessed for a social break and lunch and reconvened at 1:00 for a presentation by Evan Coates, Torrance Senior Librarian who outlined the programs and services made available to the residents of Torrance.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. to June 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Deanna Hanson, Recording Secretary