

Grand Jurors Association of Orange County

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 5th, 2015

Call to Order: President John Moohr called the meeting to order at 1005.

Absent: Virginia Zlaket. Newest Board Member Gerald Brown (2009-10) was introduced and welcomed aboard and will be sworn in at our December 3rd General Meeting.

Minutes: Fred Gebhardt moved and Roy Baker 2nd that the October 1st, 2015 meeting minutes be approved. Lynn Bonas abstained. So approved and will be forwarded to Ron Harris for posting.

Treasurers Report: Stuart Fuller passed out a financial report comparing this budget year with the two previous years. John Moohr moved and Robin Bowen 2nd that the treasurer's report be approved.

Membership: Helen Alberts passed out 2016 invoices to board members for next year's dues. We have 156 members on board. Helen sent out renewal notices on Monday and the majority of dues will be collected at next month's General Session. Helen recommended we conduct another mixer with the sitting Grand Jury early next year, possibly at the Superior Court House vice her home. John to query the 2015-16 Foreperson for the best time to hold the mixer. Bill Underwood to work with Helen on setting up Mail Merge process (labels). Helen passed out a memorandum suggesting we raise annual dues to \$20 starting in 2017. Memo included shortening the time frame before dues became delinquent. Helen proposed the above and Fred 2nd the motion. After much discussion Helen withdrew her motion. May come back at next budget cycle. Helen will flag Joe's luncheon RSVP list for those members who have not paid 2016 dues.

Nominating Committee: Lynn Bonas reminded the Board that the six (6) new board members will be sworn in at the December 3^d General Session. There will be an election at the first meeting in January 2016 for the seven (7) officers.

Programs: Joe Quiros is awaiting a response from Judge King as to his availability to be our guest speaker for the December meeting. Back up candidates are possibly Judge Hernandez or Judge Aguirre. Possible topic would be the effect of Proposition 47 that has been prominent in the news lately.

Newsletter: John Moohr passed on a "well done" to Bill Underwood from the GJCA for the outstanding Newsletter he publishes. Bill handed out a one page GJAOC new e-publication schedule that has the luncheon flyer coming out in the month before the luncheon and the newsletter coming out after the luncheon. Bill will continue to publish a limited number of hard copies for the sitting Grand Jury, public officials, and association members without internet access. Bill asked for profiles from our two new Board Members, Dave Chapel and Gerald Brown for our next newsletter (by December 10). John Moohr to contact association member John Cole residing in Panama for a profile for a future newsletter. Helen suggested we provide a certificate of appreciation to Mary Hennessey for efforts on our behalf.

Correspondence: Report on the CAGJ Annual Conference in Lafayette, CA. (1-3 November 2015).

John Moohr, Dave Chapel, Bill Underwood and Roy Baker attended. A detailed, comprehensive and informative report was given by each individual. Bill passed out the formal pamphlet that set forth the agenda, speakers and CAGJ members who put the conference together. Bill will write up a summary for the upcoming newsletter. This was Bill and Roy's third conference that they have attended and brought back several ideas for discussion. CA State Supreme Court Chief Justice Toni G. Cantil-Sakauye was the keynote speaker, high lighting via power point, what the Grand Jury system is and does.

Standing Committees:

Measure M: Will activate in January 2016.

Web Site: Still looking. Bill to contact Political Science Professor Fred Smoller (sp.) to see if he might have a student that would be interested (for a small fee if necessary).

Speakers Bureau: Fred Gebhardt gave a presentation at Irvine Valley College (@33 students) with some thoughtful feedback from the class. Helen suggested that Fred follow up his written requests with a phone call if no response is forthwith. Helen can help with the follow up calls.

Old Business:

TIC Update: John met with the foreperson 2015-16 Grand Jury and he was on board with what our Association is trying to accomplish. Roy Baker gave a brief update on the progress that our committee has made and will follow up with the sitting Grand Jury and the Board of Supervisors. State TIC is to report back to Roy with their results. Marin County was mentioned as being very successful in this endeavor with a committee of 19 members and an expanding association as a result.

Ethics Commission Update: Bill Underwood gave a brief summary of the BOS staff process. He will provide an extensive report for the newsletter as the whole process encompassed several months and many meetings.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1150

General Meeting-Phoenix Club, 1145 on 3 December 2015.

Board Meeting, 1000 on 7 January 2016, OCCU.