

Grand Jurors Association of Orange County

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2017

Call to Order: President Roy Baker called the meeting to order at 1000. Eight members on board for a quorum. Absent were: Sandy Dunkin and Paul Borzcik.

Minutes: John Moohr moved and Mike Morris 2nd that the July 13th, 2017 minutes as amended be approved. So approved.

Treasurers Report: Tom Cagley passed out a 1 page financial report and noted that the \$6,000 check has arrived from OCTA and deposited as actual income from Measure M. Lynn Bonas moved and Robin Bowen 2nd that the report be approved. So approved.

Membership Report: 2nd V.P. Alf Lyle led a discussion on how we might increase our association membership. Outgoing Grand Jury are automatically enrolled as members from 1 July to 31 December 2017. Lynn moved and Alf 2nd that we extend an invitation to that panel to attend our September luncheon on a gratis basis. Motion passed 8-0. Helen Alberts was given credit for all her organizational skills as well as a social coordinator on tracking and recruiting new members. Joe Quiros to continue his valuable work on behalf of the quarterly luncheon process. Alf to coordinate with Joe on RSVPs and their luncheon selections. Roy Baker to meet with sitting Foreperson, Robert Niccum and invite him to the luncheon as well as make him aware of our association's willingness to assist his tenure.

Programs: 1st V.P. Stan Ness read the e-mail that he sent to Carrie Carmody, 2016-17 Grand Jury Foreperson inviting her to be our September Luncheon speaker. She asked for ideas to cover in the 30 minute presentation and several were forwarded. Stan to work on securing a Superior Court Judge for our annual Christmas luncheon and the formal swearing in of the 6 new Board Members. Judge Carter has fulfilled this process in the past. Judge King has been our speaker the past two years.

Newsletter: The Board discussed a draft that Mike Morris put forth to send out to the membership. Lynn Bonas needs slate for the September meeting for the membership to vote on. Several names were mentioned as potential Board Members. Roy Baker will send to Mike his 2nd half of the year status report to the membership. Included in the newsletter will be a tribute to Helen Alberts accompanied by photos .

Nomination of Officers: See above.

Committees:

- A. **Measure M:** John and Robin reaffirmed that OCTA has remitted their fee to our association and Fred Gebhardt has been paid. Next meeting will be in January to kick off the 2018 TOC process.
- B. **Speakers Bureau:** Sandy Dunkin's letter to Gwen Vieau, PIO for Orange County Superior Court was presented for discussion. Sandy wants to meet with Gwen to see how we can assist in the annual recruitment and selection process of Grand Jurors.
- C. **Legislative:** John Moohr presented an update of Paul Borzcik's letter to be published by Mike in the newsletter. Alf briefly discussed two meetings he set up with California legislators. Alf and

Paul Borzcik met with State Senator Josh Newman and three of his staff and Alf met with State Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and one of her staff to discuss the role of the Grand Jury in California and potential changes to the California Penal Code affecting Grand Juries.

- D. **Implementation Review:** Roy gave an update on the OCFA response to the Grand Jury report. What are our options if “stone walled?” A suggestion was made we contact the Voice of OC as Roberto is always looking for county issues to publish. Mike’s 2015-16 “Unfinished Business” Report was instrumental in re-establishing the County CEO’s annual status report on open promises made to the Grand Jury of “Will be implemented” and “Need further study”. Nindy Mahal has put together a spread sheet for tracking responses that can be expanded to complete the process.

State Convention: Roy mentioned the CAGJ convention in Monterey, 29-30 October 2017. It is a one day affair this year. Roy and Alf indicated an interest in attending. Let Roy know if you want to attend.

Old/New Business: John Moohr passed to President Roy Baker a package left on his doorstep. It was the 2016-17 Grand Juror’s final report presented to the Superior Court.

Adjournment: Tom Cagley moved and Alf Lyle 2nd that we adjourn at 1150.

Next meeting at the Phoenix Club, 7 September 2017 at 1145.