

Grand Jurors Association of Orange County

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2018

Call to Order: President Roy Baker called the meeting to order at 10:07am. Eight (8) Board Members being present thereby constituted a quorum. Members absent: Dr. Carrie Carmody and Ian Guarjardo. Also in attendance: GJAOC members Robin Bowen, Barton Harlan, John Moohr and Bill Underwood.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved and seconded that the Board Minutes for the January 4, 2018 meeting be approved as published. Motion passed without objection.

Review/election of New Board members and positions: President Baker nominated Barton Harlan to fill the vacant position of Board Member. The motion was seconded and passed without discussion. President Baker nominated April Lancaster for the position of Sergeant-at-Arms and Barton Harlan for the positions of Board Secretary and Parliamentarian. The motions were seconded and passed without further discussion.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Cagley gave the report and indicated that he had to synchronize with Steward because a registry had not been kept. The blue Financial Statement sheet was handed out with the following correction: the date should be changed from February 2018 to January 31, 2018. It was also mentioned that Bart should be added to the signature card with a copy of the minutes showing approval of his authorization to be a signer on the account.

In addition, members were advised that a contract had been signed with the Phoenix Club for the luncheon meetings on March 1, June 14, Sept 13, and Dec 6. A copy the "Plated Entrees" menu from the Phoenix Club was handed out. Board members selected the Chicken Caesar Salad and the Roasted Pork Loin as the two entrée offerings for the March 1st luncheon. Tom will notify Joe Quiroz of the same.

Membership Report: Alf Lyle deferred to Mike (due to computer problems). An e-mail was sent out to the membership reminding people that the 2018 membership dues were due, if they have not already been paid. A relatively small number have been paid at this time. Members of record are being encouraged to submit payment as soon as possible. Alf will consolidate and update the paid membership list.

Programs: Stan Ness gave each member a handout entitled "Proposals for Reform." It lists five suggestions for positive change that would significantly improve the quality of grand jury services as well as improve the working relationship between the grand jury, the courts, and the general public. Stan would like to work towards presenting these suggestions to a panel (preferably composed of judges) and that we want to form a group/set up a conference with the emphasis being on the question of "how do we reform/revitalize the grand jury system?" We would like to ask the courts for their feelings on this subject. It was pointed out that we don't need their permission to set this up. But we certainly would want to know what input they can give us to accomplish this goal. Stan indicated that the next step is not the formalization of this but to start the process of setting up the proposed conference. The actual format or principles

to be presented must be determined by this BoD. Stan thinks this is a ways off in the future. Roy said that he wants to get started right away with the basics. The speaker for the March 1st luncheon will be Mrs. Denah Hoard, Executive Director of the Office of Campaign, Finance and Ethics Commission for the County of Orange. Stan described her as being a nice lady, enthusiastic, and eager to speak to us. She seems to be cut out of the same cloth as Shirley Grindle.

Newsletter: Mike Morris – there is nothing to report, at this time.

Committees:

- A. **Measure M** – Bill Underwood – A rebranding has taken place. It is now referred to as “OC Go” – Bill reported on the January 29, 2018 meeting. The Oversight Committee (TOC) is setting up to begin accepting applications for the committee positions that term-out this coming June. On Feb 12th the web site will be updated to get interested citizens to apply for membership on the Committee. Ads will also be coming out announcing the application and selection process and timetable. Applications are due by May 1st.
- B. **Speakers Bureau** – Sandy Dunkin – Two handouts were provided for the members. One of those covered the status of the Speakers Bureau Ad Hoc Committee. Committee business included efforts to inform and encourage citizens to apply for the 2018 – 2019 Grand Jury, and efforts on continuing “educating the public on the grand jury process.” Outreach efforts are being scheduled for speaking and training presentations to the Registrar of Voters employees and volunteers, to the local colleges and universities, to service clubs, and the Bureau will be participating in the OC Senior Summit on April 20th. The second handout was a current (February) copy of the Speakers Bureau Newsletter.
- C. **Implementation/Review** – Roy Baker – The committee is in the formative stages, at the moment.
- D. **Legislation Committee** – There was no report given.

Old/New Business:

- 1) **Luncheon** – There may be a Board of Directors meeting following the March luncheon.
- 2) **CGJA membership** – Item will be carried over.
- 3) **Future Board meeting item** – Mike suggested that at a future board meeting we should look at open board positions and consider reducing the number of board positions. A brief general discussion followed.
- 4) **Members missing meetings** – It was brought up that the by laws cover a provision whereby if a member of the board misses three consecutive meetings that they will be in jeopardy of being terminated from their position. Roy said that he will look into this and send an e-mail to anyone that may fall into this situation.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. President Baker declared that the meeting was adjourned at 12:07pm. However, some members needed to go down stairs with Roy to update the checking account signature card.

Next meeting at the Phoenix Club, 1340 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim, CA, Mar 1, 2018 at 11:45