

Grand Juror's Association of Orange County

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2018

Call to Order – President pro tem, Stan Ness, called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. **Roll Call:** A quorum was established by the presence of the following members: Alf Lyle, April Lancaster, Barton Harlan, Dave Chapel, Diana Merryman, John Gallie, Lynn Bonas, Marie Whittington, Michael Morris, Sandy Dunkin and Stan Ness. Ian Guajardo (arrived late). Members absent: (none). Also, in attendance – General member, Lynn Fenton.

Approval of Board Minutes – Brief discussion. The Secretary clarified that the two attachments to the Minutes were merely copies of the e-mails sent to Board Member by Bill Underwood and Sandy Dunkin regarding their Committee reports. John Gallie moved that the Board Minutes for the Oct. 4, 2018 meeting be approved as amended. Seconded and approved.

Discussion of board member status – With the appointment of Diana Merryman the number of Board members is back up to the full contingent of twelve (12). Joe Moreland was elected to the Board during the September general membership meeting. He should be sworn-in at the December luncheon meeting and officially join the Board in January of 2019.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, John Gallie, provided two handouts. The first, from the OCCU dated 11/01/2018, showing a CD dividend of \$8.56 and a new balance of \$9,220.48. The Association checking account has a current balance of \$11,191.78. The second handout had to do with Recent IRS filings and covered the filing of IRS Form 990-N for Tax Year 2017.

John reminded the Board of the Account(s) signature meeting with the credit union today following the adjournment of this meeting. (The Secretary will provide the OCCU a copy of the October 4, 2018 Minutes indicating which names should be removed from the signature cards and which names should be included on the new signature cards.)

Membership Report – Alf Lyle indicated that there was nothing new to report on this item. However, he said that he still needs to get with Mike Morris to work out an update of the membership roll.

Programs – Lynn Bonas reported on the following:

- A. Status of luncheon speaker for December meeting** – We have not heard definitively from Judge Carter. It was suggested that we look into getting another judge for December to do the swearing-in of the new Board members. In reference to the December luncheon, Lynn indicated that she would arrange for the poinsettias, and to create a method to randomly determine who, at each table, gets to take the poinsettia decoration home for the holidays. She also said she would take care of the menu arrangements.
- B. Discussion regarding speakers for future luncheons** – Marie Whittington indicated that Chief Probation Officer, Steven Sentman, is willing to speak to us.

Newsletter – Mike Morris

Mike reports that he received an article from Marie Whittington regarding SB 10 (bail) and that he has asked Stan for an input article on the future of the GJAOC.

Committee Reports:

A. Measure M – Bill Underwood

Bill indicated that there was nothing new to report on this item.

B. Speaker's Bureau – Sandy Dunkin

Sandy handed out a copy of the new recruitment flyer for the 2019-2020 OC Grand Jury. This coming year the emphasis for the Speaker's Bureau will be on education. Sandy would like to sit down with the information officer for each county Supervisor and talk about events that will be coming up. The Board members encouraged her to do so. Also, a reminder to everyone to provide Sandy with any contacts/opportunities for presentations that members are/become aware of.

C. Legislative – John Moohr (Note: John sent Stan the following e-mail message, "I'll be out of the city on Thursday and will not be able to attend our meeting. The Legislation Committee has no new business to report.")

D. Bylaws Review – Dave Chapel

Update from the Bylaws Review Committee. Dave reported that the committee has reviewed several sections of the bylaws. Hopefully, a report will be ready to present at the January Board meeting. We will have a Word Processing (digital) copy of the Bylaws available which will make it easier to modify in the future and can also be made available to new members.

As a side note, the Treasurer, John Gallie recommended that the checking account amount requiring two signatures be increased from \$500 to \$1,500. A brief discussion followed. No action was taken.

Unfinished Business – Stan Ness

A. Discussion of the status of TIC (Tracking and Implementation Committee). How do we involve the association membership in this project?

(Secretary's Note: A very lively discussion developed concerning this topic.)

Stan started the discussion by indicating that this subject seems to "just sits out there" – but is too important to ignore. Maybe, we should present the topic to the General Membership. Tracking and Implementation gives our association a purpose, i.e., to do a real follow-up publicly. We should publicize the positive outcomes of Grand Jury reports, e.g., the OC Animal Shelter and the Ethics Commission. We need to get outgoing grand jurors to join this association and become members of this committee because they have a vested interest in this subject. We should also let the current Grand Jury know what they can and cannot do and how we can help them.

Diana Merryman volunteered to be the chairperson for the TIC committee. Stan accepted her offer. No disagreement was voiced. Thank you, Madam Chairperson! Marie Whittington also offered to assist with this committee.

It was suggested to put something in the Newsletter on this subject. And, also, that we always present this to new members joining the Association because of their vested interest.

B. The City Managers Issue – Stan Ness

Regarding the Association of Orange County Cities, Stan is not sure from where they spun off. Initially, he wanted to consider making a presentation in an effort to try to improve the relationship between them and the Grand Jury. However, after further consideration, this may not be the appropriate group to approach. They are not city managers. They are politicians as evidenced by looking at who is on their board of directors. This topic will be further considered at a future Board meeting.

New Business – Stan Ness

A. Request from current jury panel for additional training re: “the interview process and how to go about conducting an effective interview.” – Stan will be working on this with others.

B. Status of the Association C.D. – The C.D. matures in January. It is our understanding that according to the current Credit Union policy the C.D. will **not** automatically rollover and continue earning interest. We must physically go down and enter into a new agreement with them. Lynn moved that the Association Treasurer be authorized to renew the C.D. for another year with the Credit Union during the first part of January 2019. Seconded and passed without discussion or objection.

C. Calendar Dates for the Credit Union – April Lancaster April
asked for clarification of the Board meeting dates for 2019 so that she could coordinate those dates on the Credit Union’s calendar. Provided and done.

Adjournment: Mike Morris moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded and passed without objection. The President pro tem declared the meeting to be adjourned at 12:16 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled at the Phoenix Club, 1340 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim, CA – Dec 6, 2018 at 11:45 am. This will be a quarterly General Meeting luncheon including the swearing-in of new Board members by Judge Carter. A Board of Director’s meeting will follow the luncheon at the Club location.

By:

Barton Harlan

Secretary