Orange County Grand Jurors Association Board Nov. 7, 2024

Call to Order -- 1:05 pm.

Roll Call -- Doug Gillen

Present via Zoom: Doug Gillen, Karen Kindschi, Terri Elders, John Moohr, Alf Lyle, Ian Guajardo, Lynette Fujitani

Announcements: Doug provided an update on Greg Tettemer's absence. John explained that Bill Underwood couldn't access the Zoom without a phone number.

Minutes: Put off accepting until next meeting. Could not vote without a quorum of Board attending.

Treasurer's Report: Report attached. Doug commented that Ken's work has been amazing and everybody in attendance concurred.

Program Report: Karen said Judge Carter unexpectedly has to be out of country so will not attend the December 5 meeting to swear in new Board or give his usual presentation. Karen and Lynn are arranging with another judge to speak on Community Engagement.

Doug suggested that Catalina perhaps could speak on "Journey to Justice" and how the Court Ambassadors perform outreach to students to visit the Court House.

Committee Reports:

Measure M: OC/Go: John said that Bill wants the Board to become more active. John Moohr will attend OCTA meetings and report back to the Board.

Recognition Committee: Terri has nothing new to report. The Committee will meet in December, the date to be set.

Unfinished Business:

Insurance Coverage – Information from CGJA Conference

Doug reported that Greg has explained that the name of the California Grand Jurors' Association has been changed to Civil Grand Jurors' Association. Greg talked with Travi Gibbon, a trainer for new Grand Jurors, and is looking for a contact. Karen says she already has such a contact.

A general discussion ensued. Doug is seeking information about what our exposure is to risk and asked if an insurance person talk with us via Zoom. Karen mentioned that people have become increasingly litigious.

Graphics on Banner – Lynn has reported to Doug that she is reaching out to Joe Barrett about what can be done to adjust the banner.

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New Business:

Report from CJGA: In Greg's absence, Doug and Karen have previously commented on what they heard from him.

Recruitment Update: Doug summed up latest efforts about how to reach out to get new applications via churches, social media, libraries, petit jurors, ads. Kostas reported that at the Orange County Fair people took flyers and seemed interested. So far 48 applications had been received by early November. The Board discussed the possibility of contacting former Grand Jurors who still want to get involved as possible recruiters. Doug mentioned again that District 4 is the "weak spot" for applications. Kostas continues to track where applicants heard about Grand Jury service.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting Adjourned at 1:10.

Submitted,

Terri Elders, GJAOC Board Member, Acting Secretary